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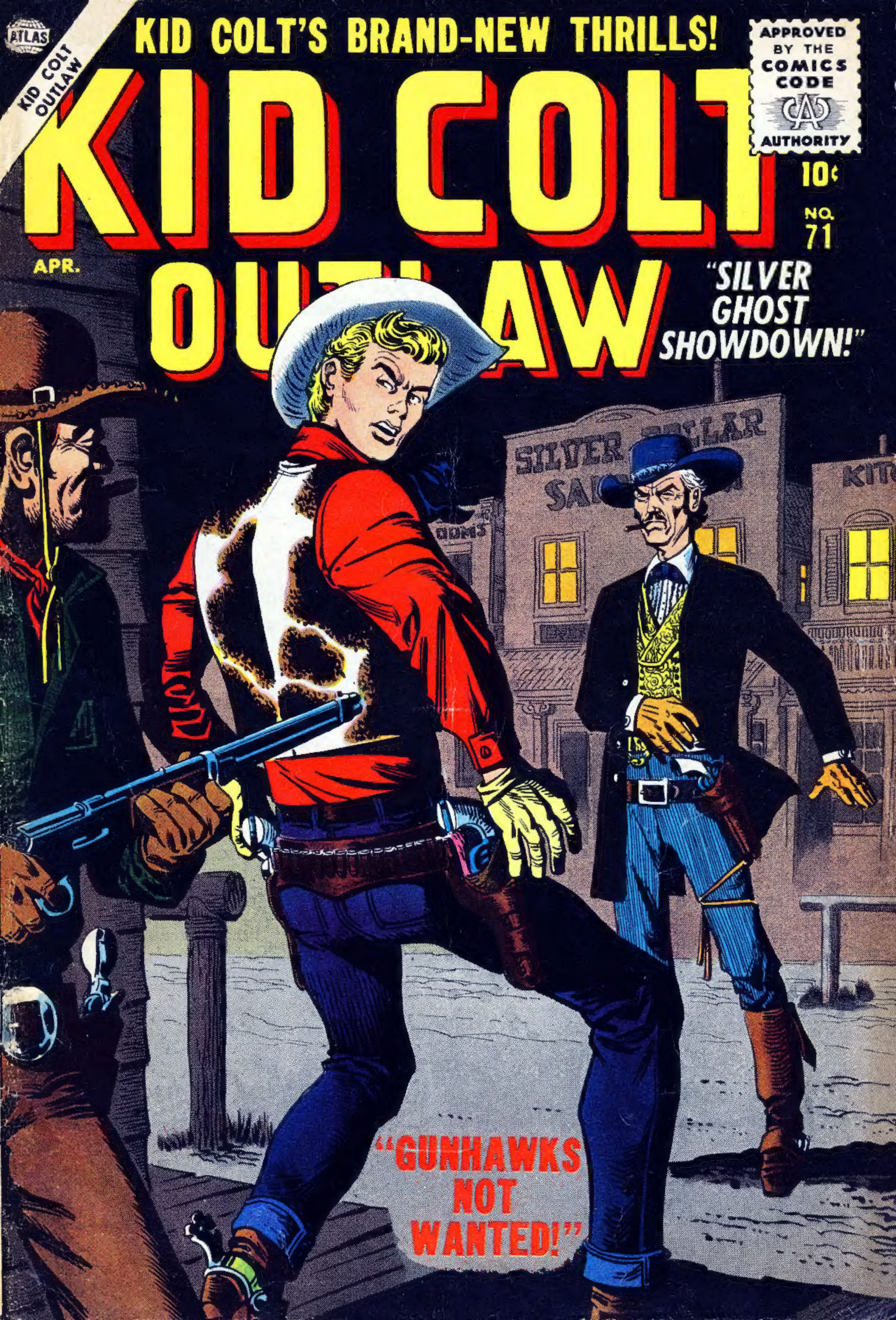

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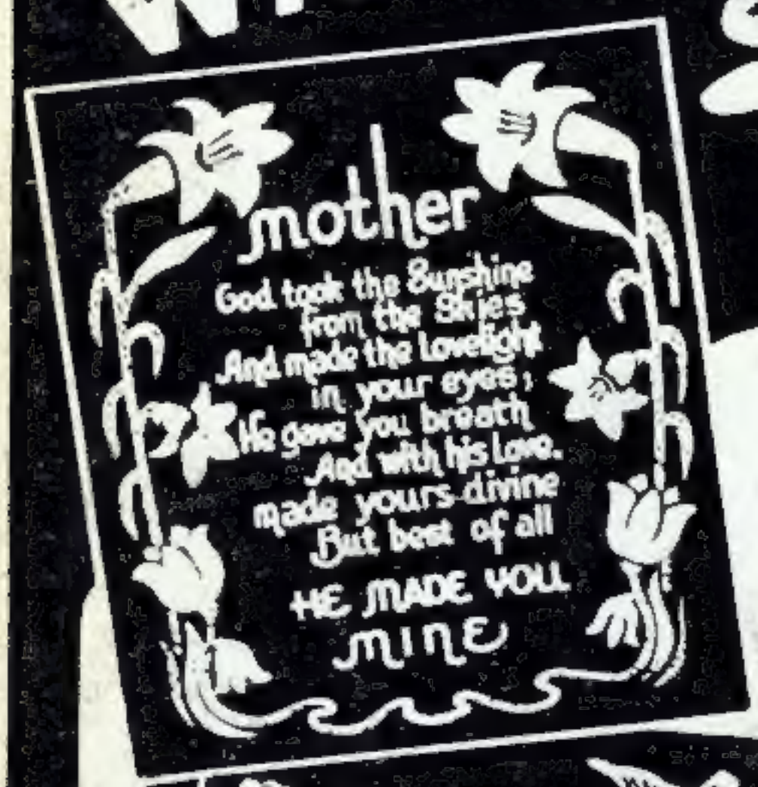

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"SILVER GHOST SHOWDOWN!"

ONLY ONE ROAD LED DOWN FROM THE HEIGHTS OF SILVER GHOST MINE INTO THE LITTLE TOWN BELOW! AND THAT ROAD HAD SUDDENLY BECOME A PATH OF DOOM! TOUGH MINERS STOOD ROOTED IN THEIR TRACKS AS THE FLAMING JUGGERNAUT ROARED DOWN! ONLY ONE MAN TOOK ACTION, AND HIS NAME WAS KID COLT!

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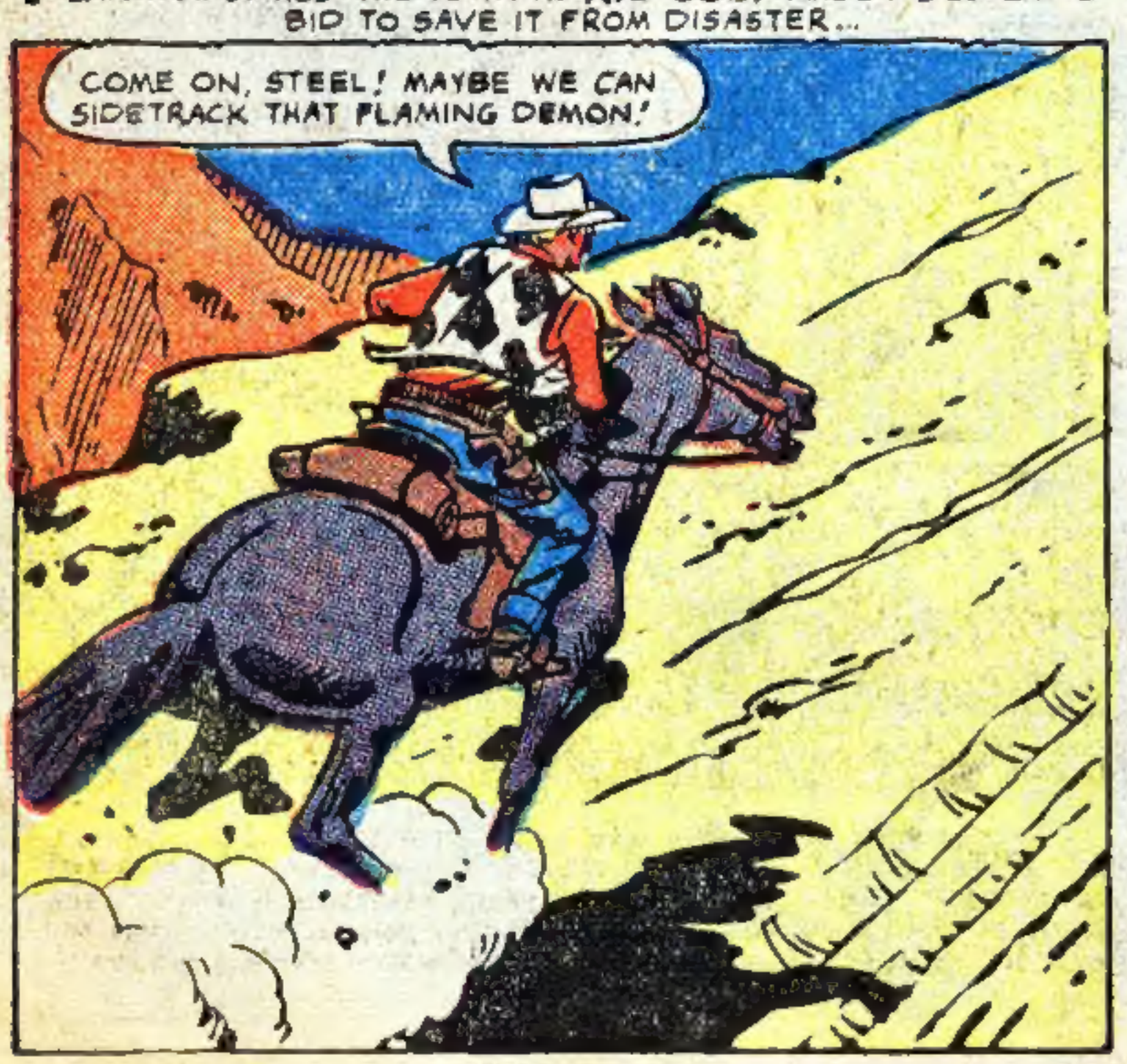
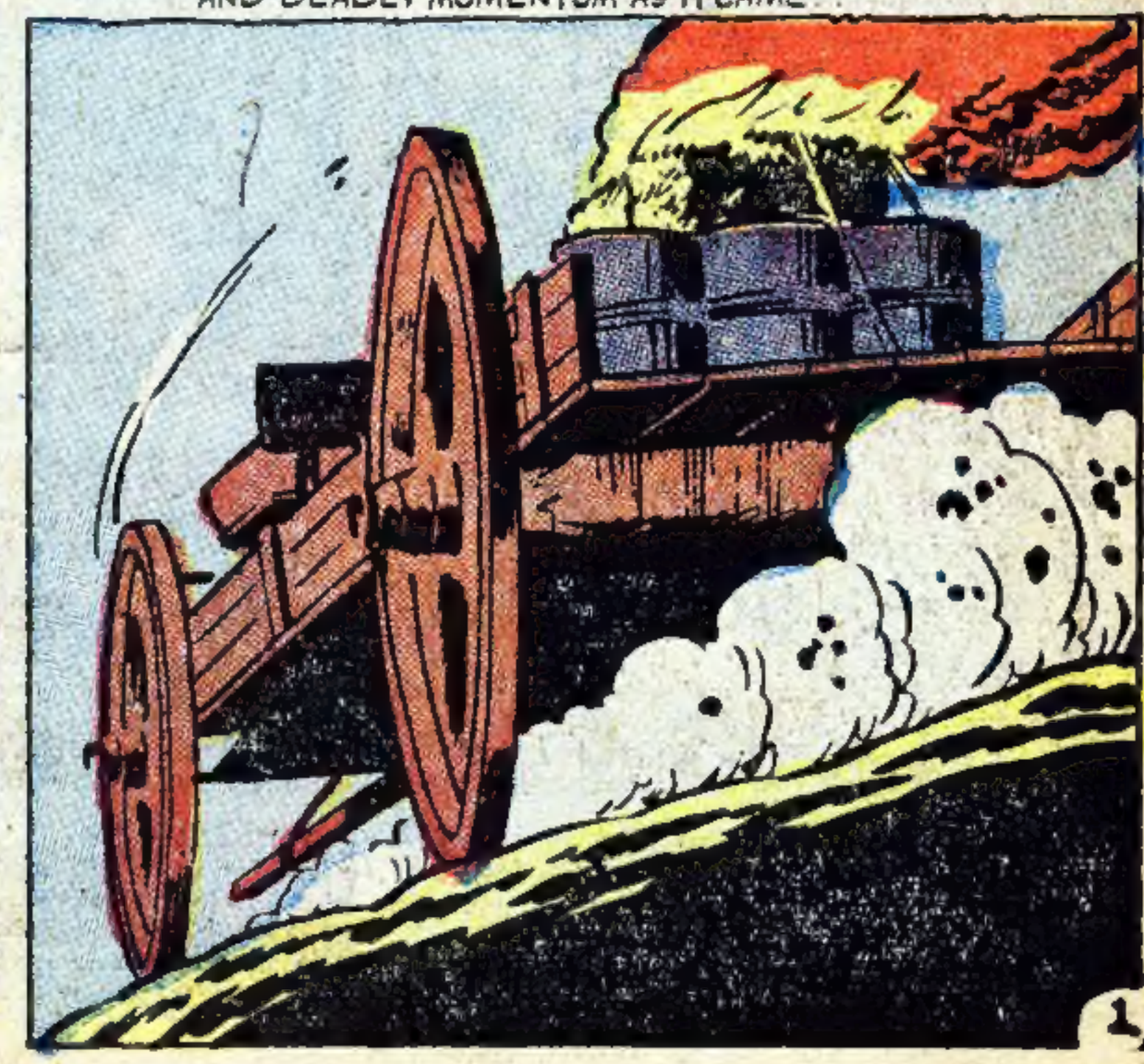
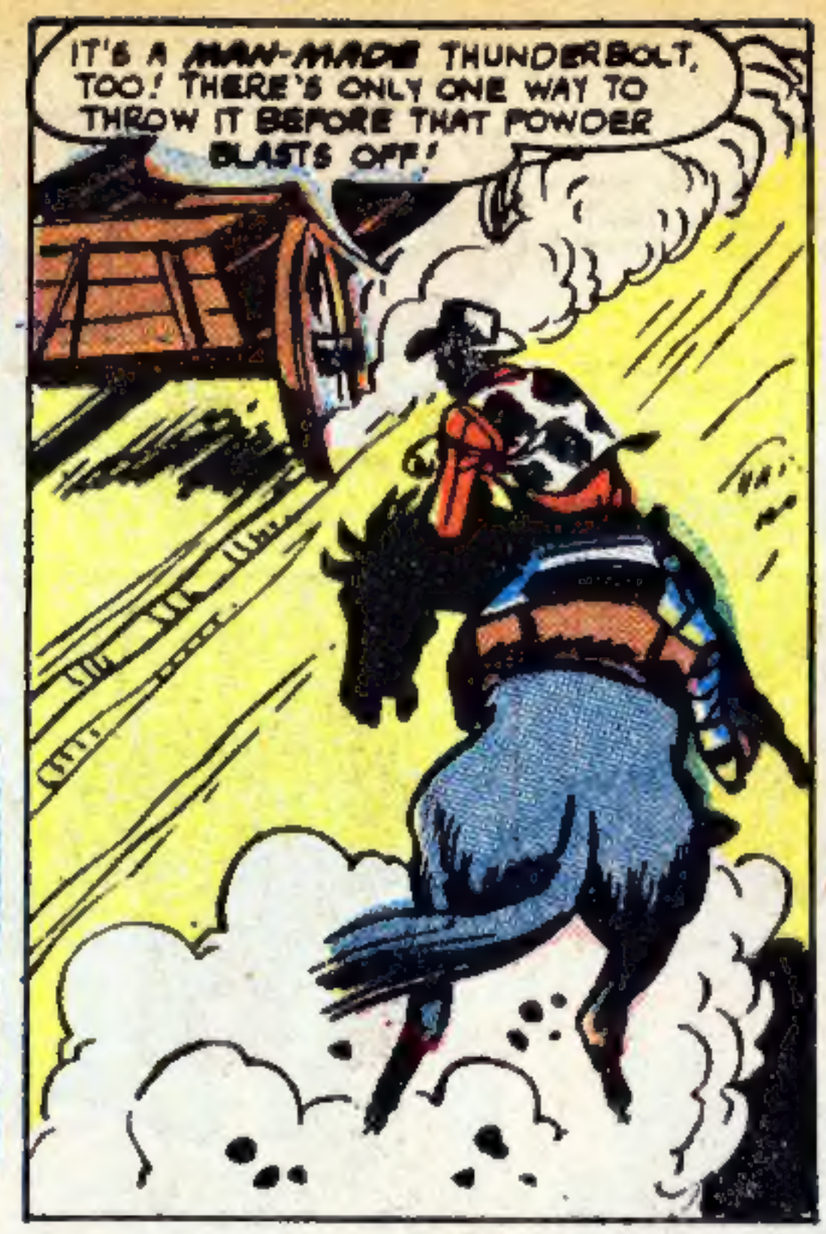
FEAR TRANSFIXED THE TOWN AS KID COLT MADE A DESPERATE BID TO SAVE IT FROM DISASTER...



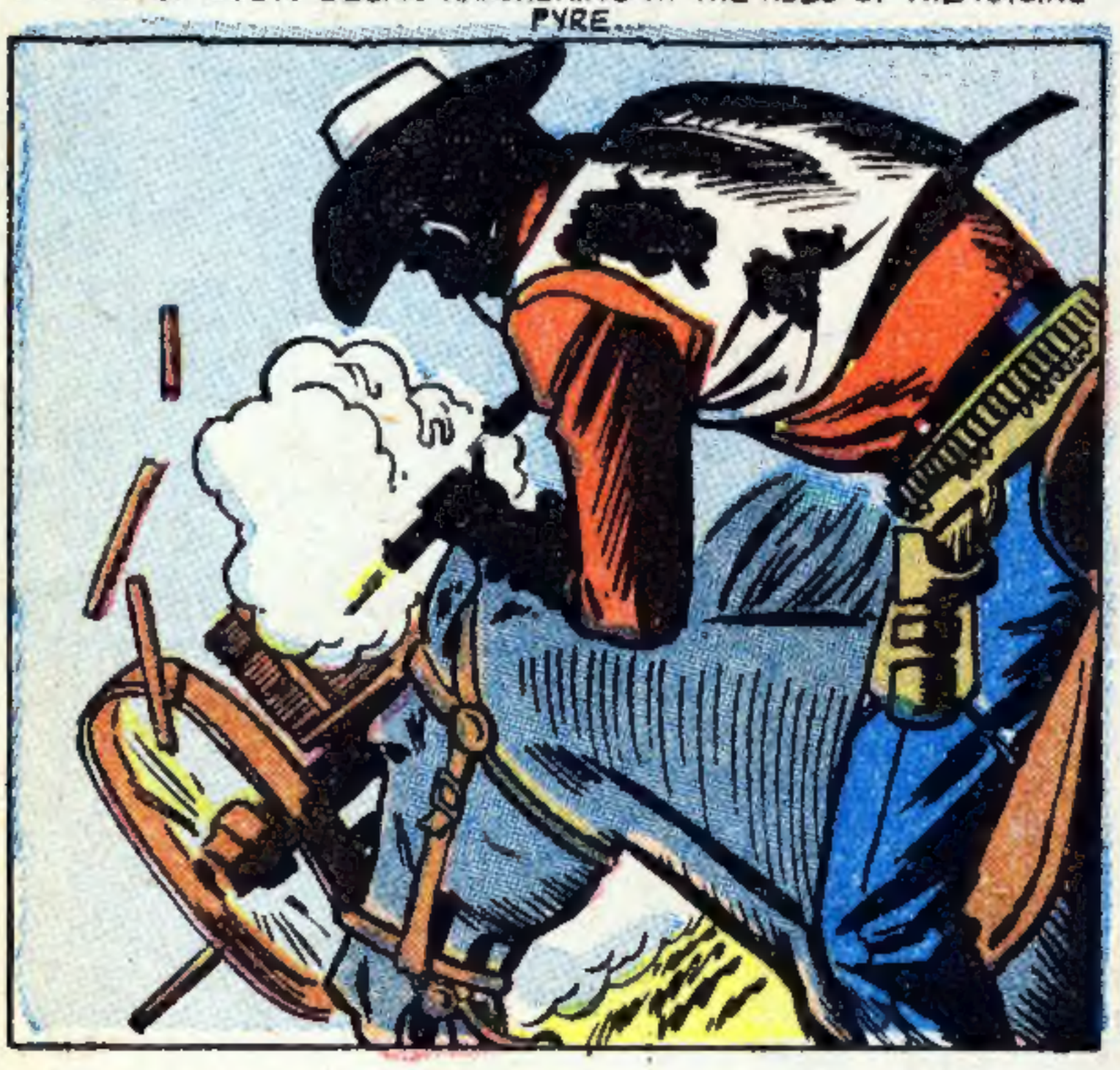
BUT THE FLAMING JUGGERNAUT ROARED ON GATHERING SPEED AND DEADLY MOMENTUM AS IT CAME...



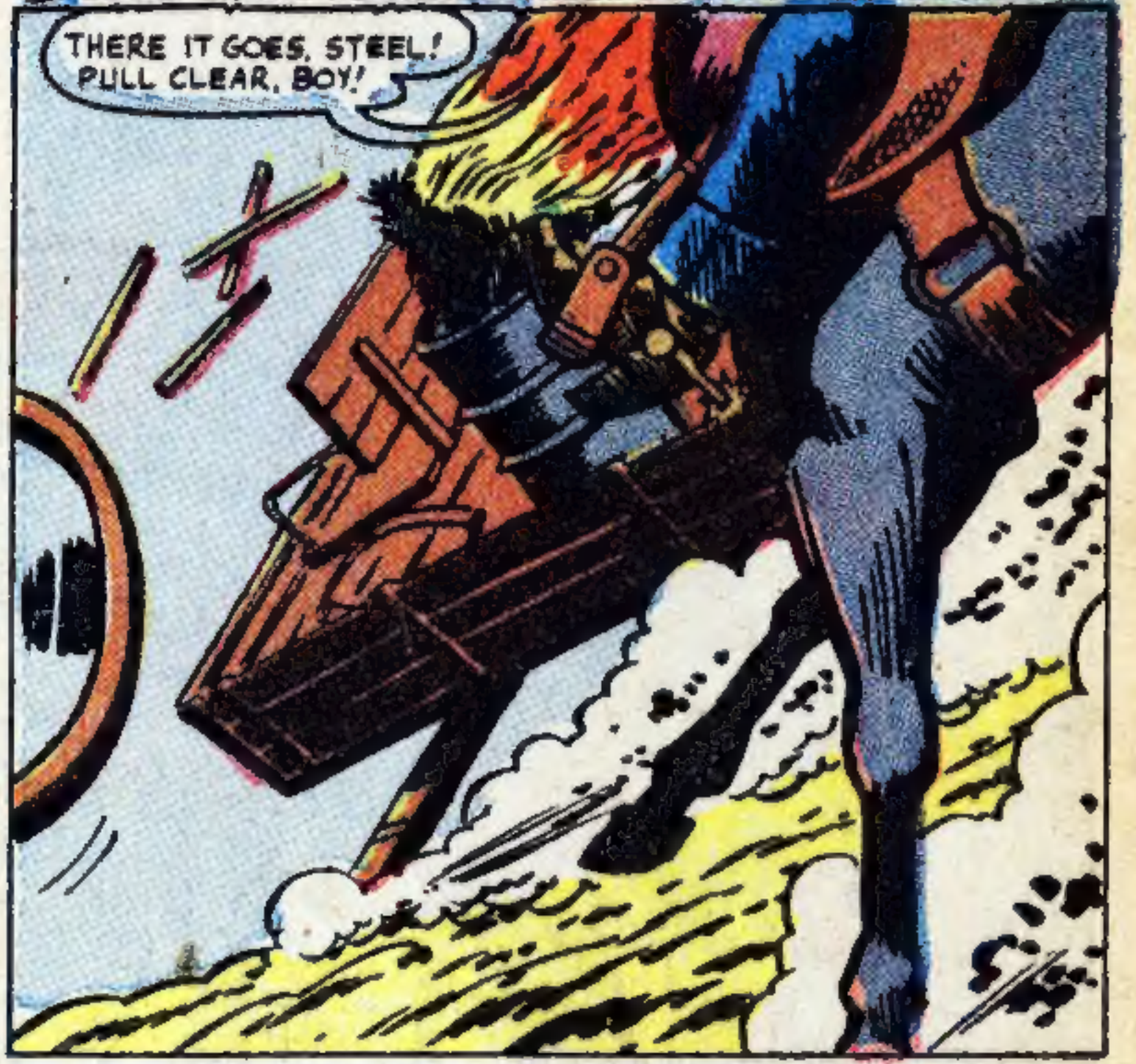
THE MIGHTY STALLION RACED AGAINST TIME TO MEET THE CHALLENGE HEAD-ON...



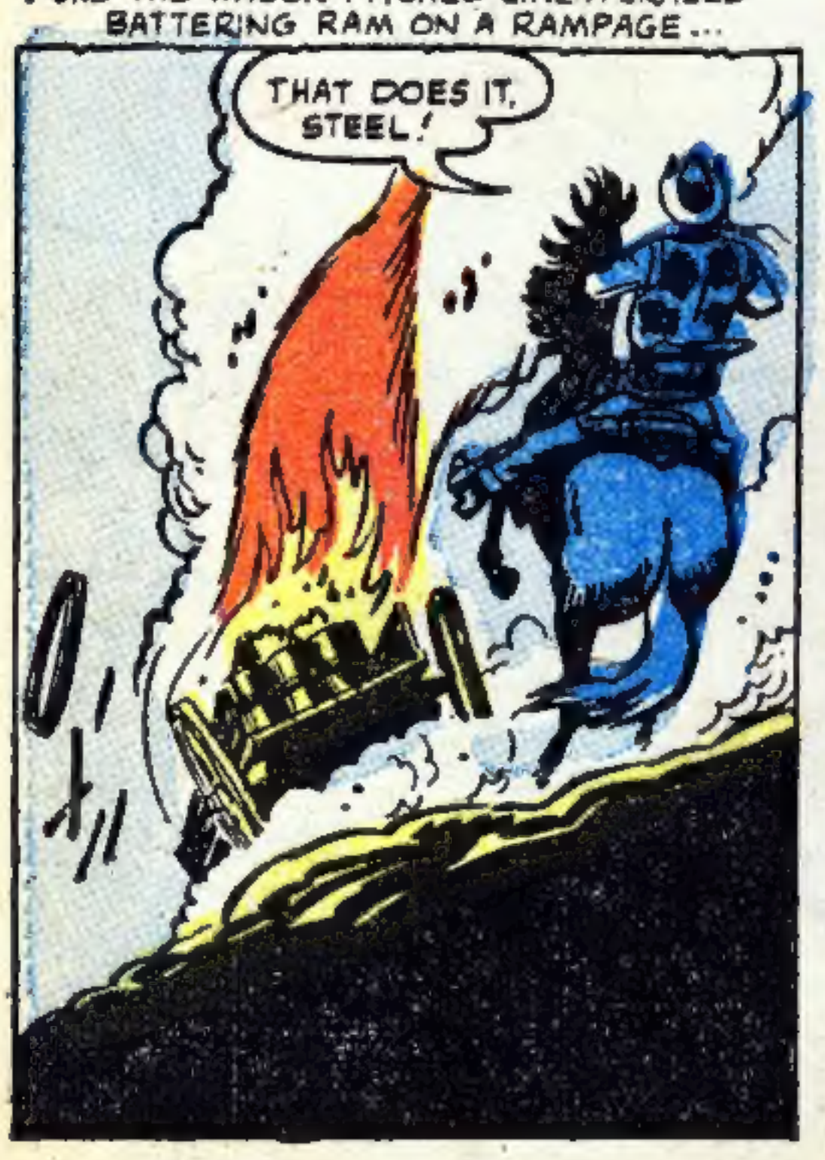
A PAIR OF COLTS BEGAN HAMMERING AT THE HUBS OF THE RACING PYRE...



SUDDENLY, THE WEAKENED WHEEL BURST FROM ITS AXLE...



AND THE WAGON PITCHED LIKE A CRAZED BATTERING RAM ON A RAMPAGE...



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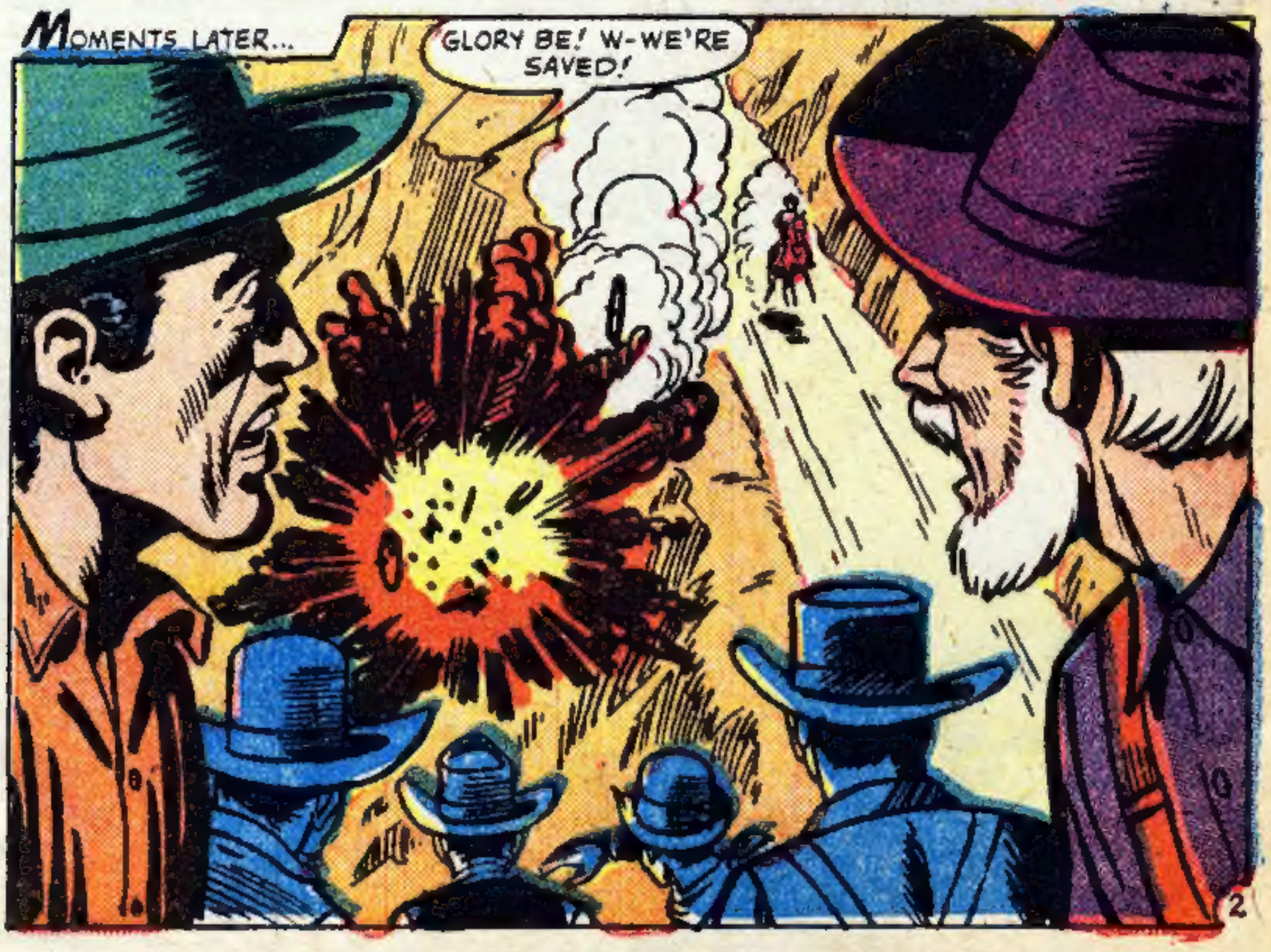
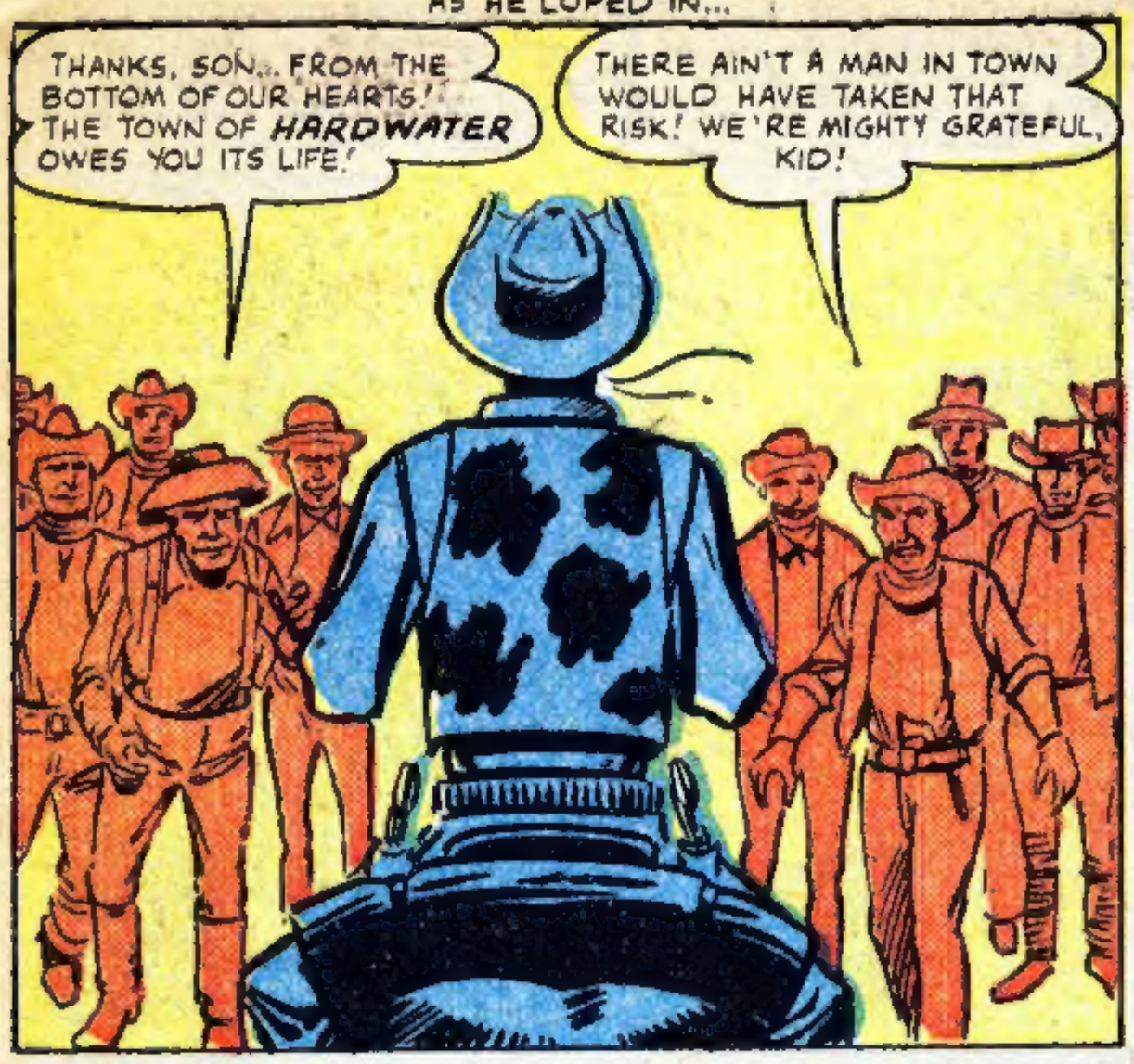
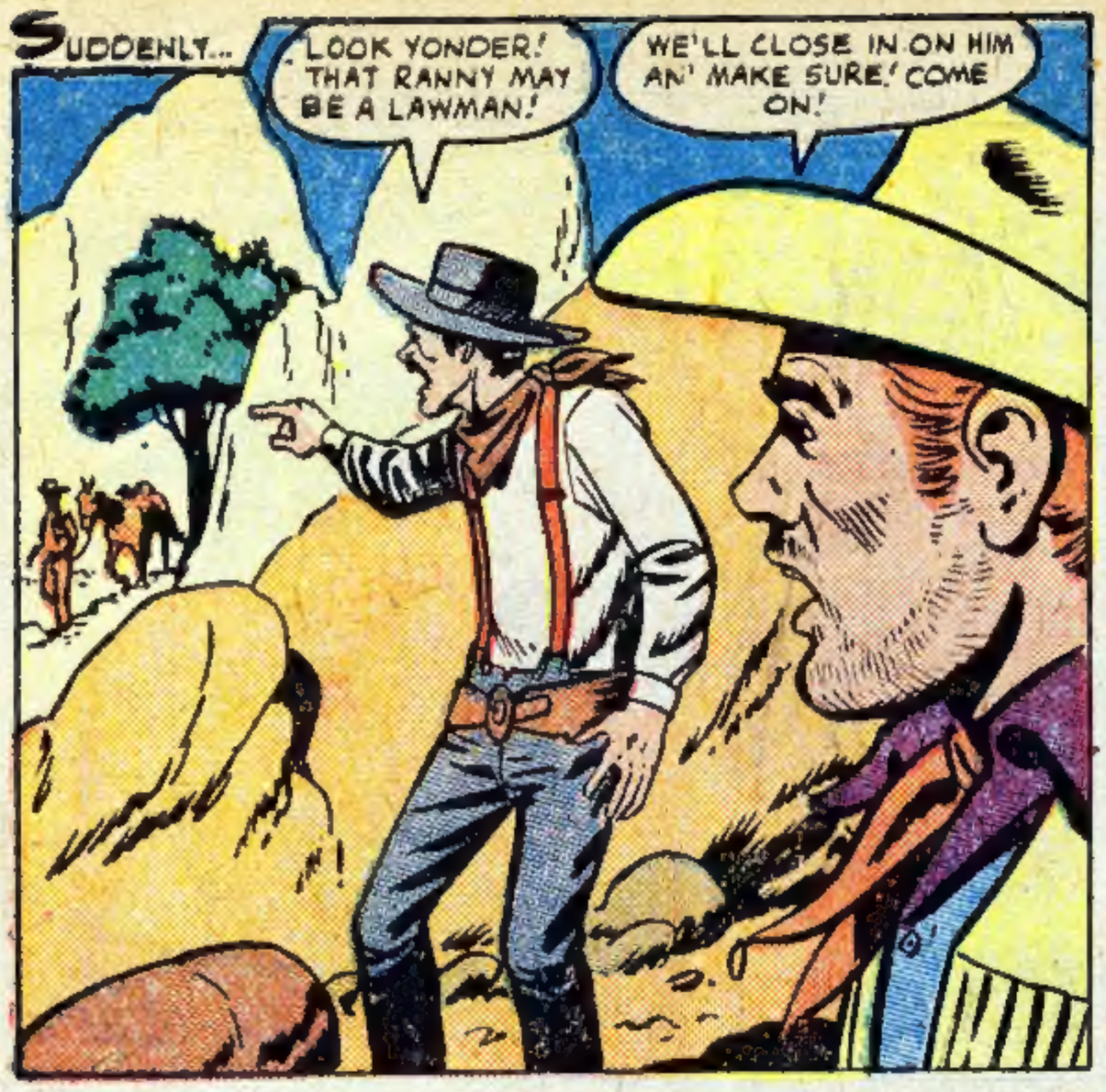


IT WAS A STUNNED AND GRATEFUL TOWN WHICH GREETED THE KID AS HE LOPED IN...



MEANWHILE, ON A BACK TRAIL OF THE MOUNTAIN...

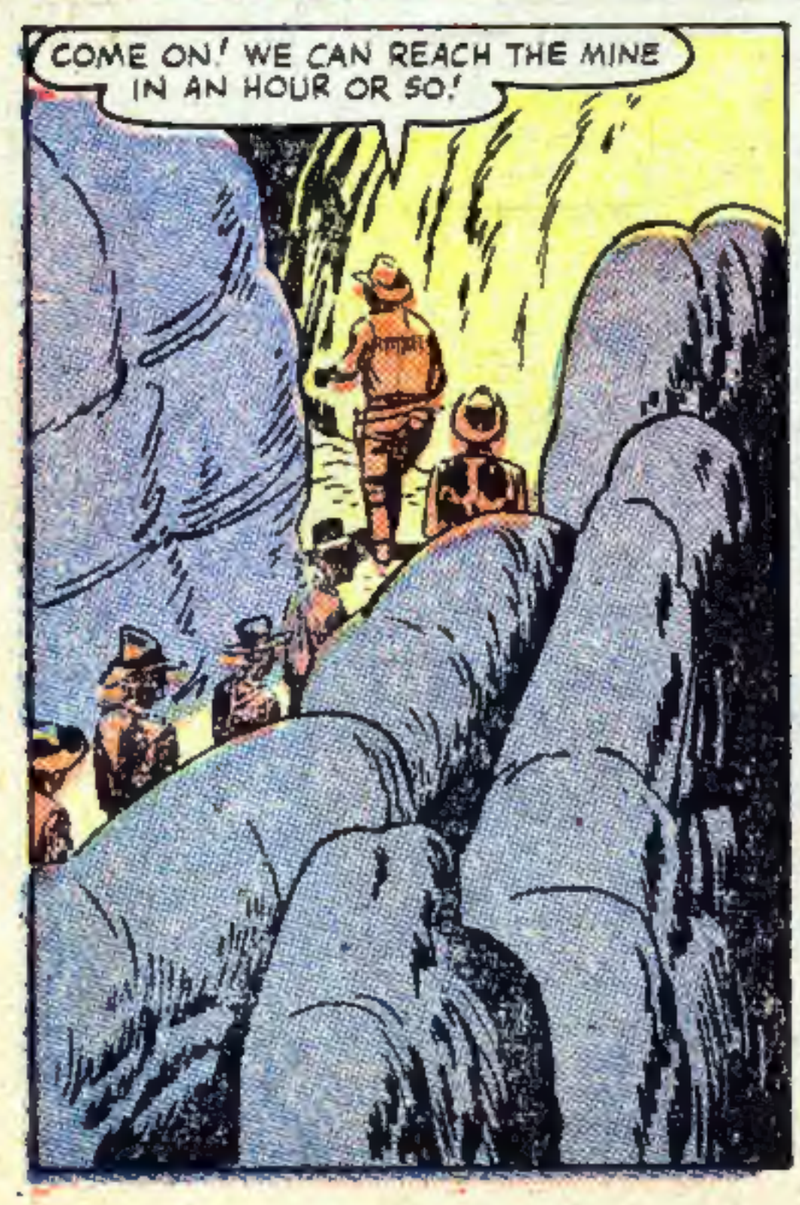

SUDDENLY...
LOOK YONDER! THAT RANNY MAY BE A LAWMAN!
WE'LL CLOSE IN ON HIM AN' MAKE SURE! COME ON!

HOWDY, STRANGER! WHICH WAY ARE YOU COMIN' FROM? WE'RE EXPECTING SOME FRIENDS TO MEET US FROM HARDWATER!
HARDWATER? THERE'S NO SUCH TOWN LEFT ON THE MAP! WHAT'S LEFT OF IT IS STILL BURNING! DIDN'T YOU HOMBRES HEAR THE RUCKUS A WHILE BACK?

BURNING? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, AMIGO?
THE TOWN OF HARDWATER! A WAGON FULL OF BURNIN' HAY AND GUNPOWDER RAMMED STRAIGHT INTO TOWN AND BLEW UP! I JUST ABOUT ESCAPED BY THE SKIN OF MY TEETH!

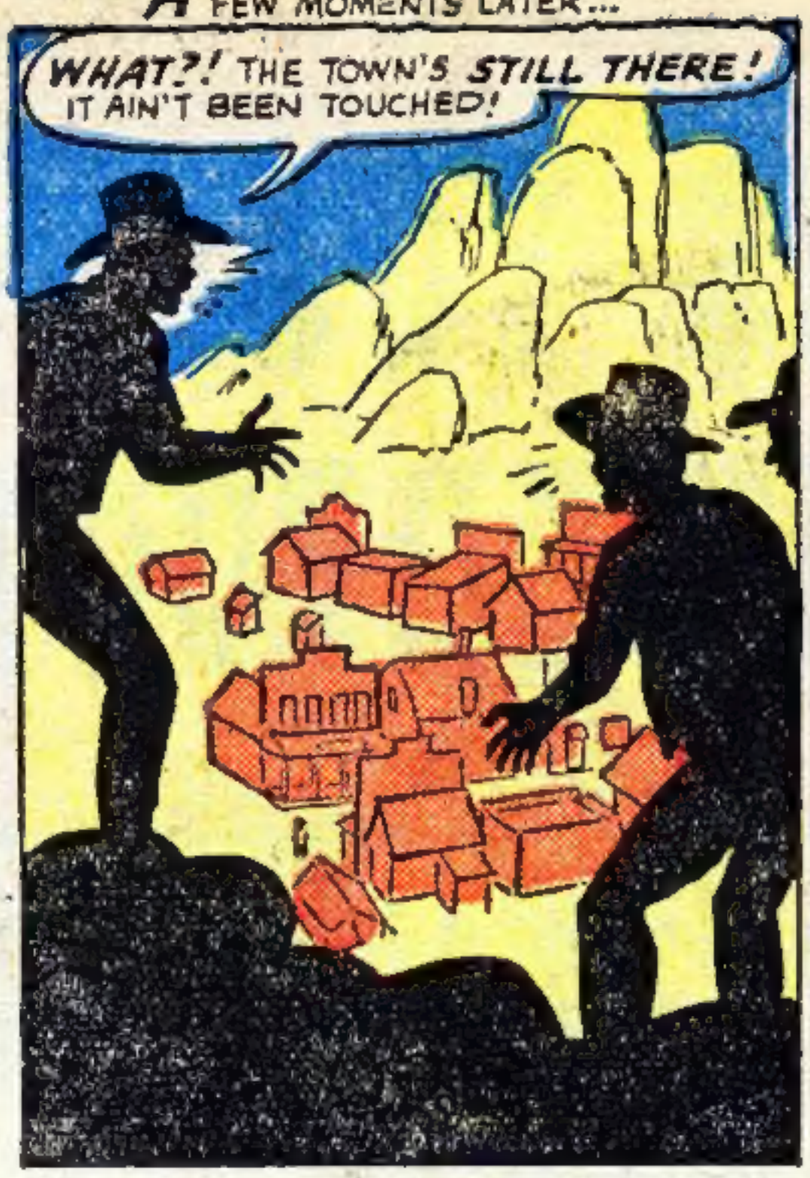
WELL, I RECKON YOU BOYS DID ALL RIGHT AFTER ALL! LOOKS LIKE WE CAN TAKE TITLE TO THE SILVER GHOST MINE!
TRIP, WE CAN USE ANOTHER HAND IN OUR PARTY! WHY NOT TAKE THIS HOMBRE IN WITH US?

HOW ABOUT THAT, STRANGER? WE CAN CUT YOU IN ON A SHARE OF THE DIGGINGS!
SUITS ME, BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE THE MINE FIRST!

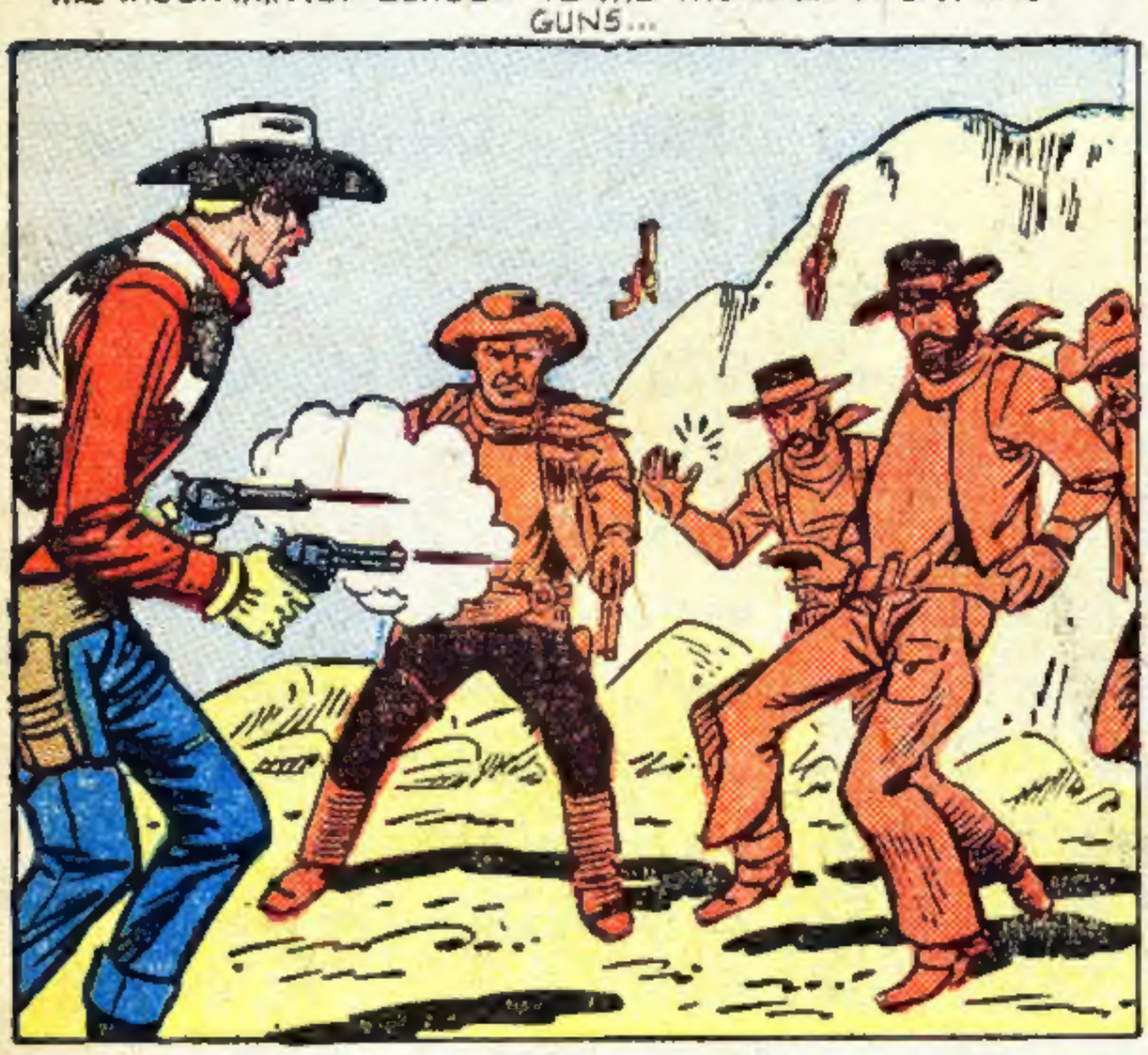

COME ON! WE CAN REACH THE MINE IN AN HOUR OR SO!

LATER...
LOOKS GOOD, HUH? THE FOOLS EVEN LEFT US SOME CASES OF PURE ORE!
I DON'T WANT TO SEEM NOSY, BUT I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU HAD TITLE TO THESE DIGGINGS... LEGITIMATE TITLE!

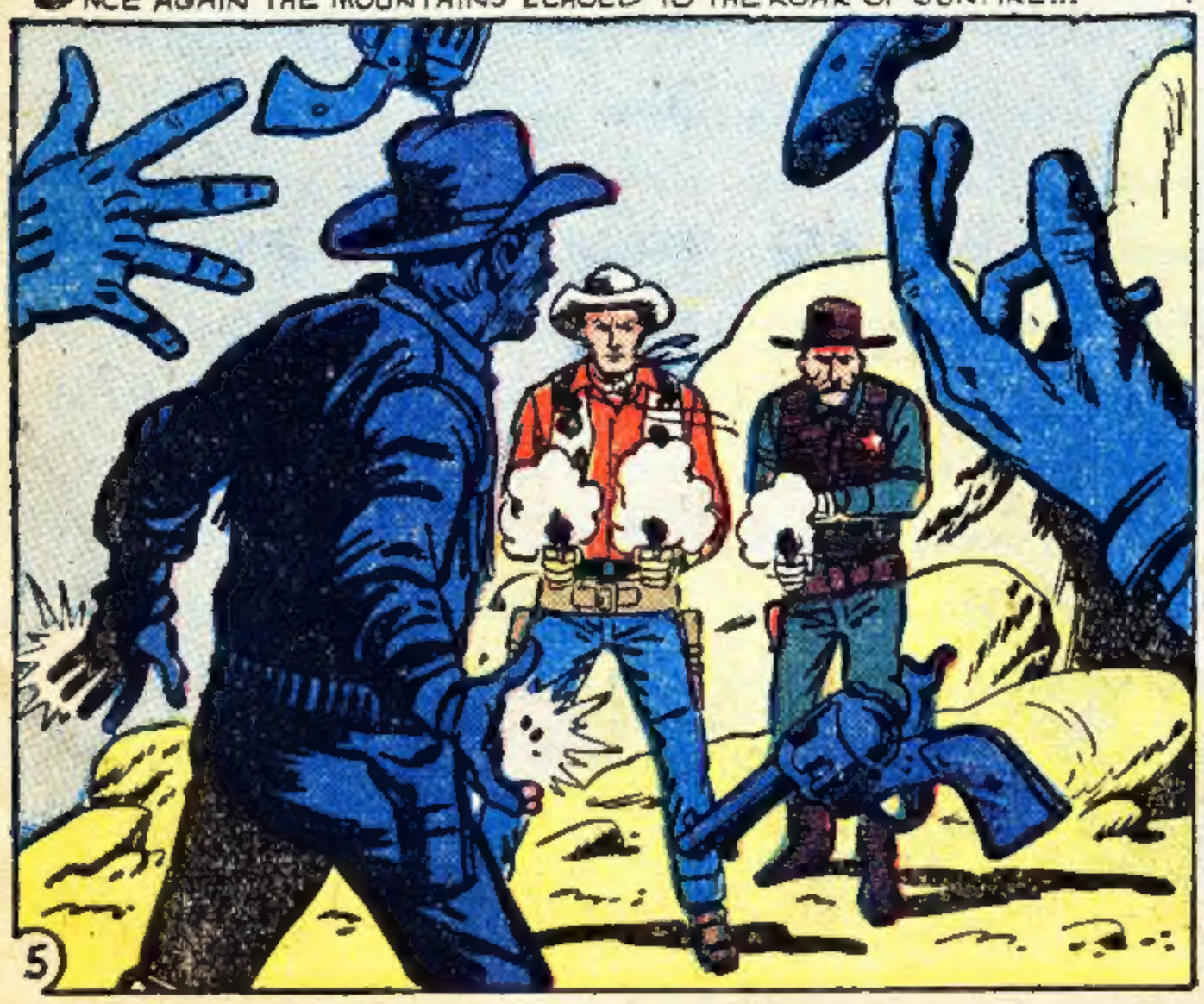
A FEW MOMENTS LATER...



THEIR HANDS FILLED WITH THE INSTRUMENTS OF THEIR RAGE AND THE MOUNTAINTOP ECHOED TO THE THUNDER OF SPITTING GUNS...



ONCE AGAIN THE MOUNTAINS ECHOED TO THE ROAR OF GUNFIRE...



MATT JACKSON looked over the young man who was just stepping off the train at the small station in Edmont. No doubt about it . . . this was his friend's young son, come west to regain his health after a long illness. The boy was about twenty . . . tall and good-looking, but very thin. When Matt's friend Larry Taylor had written from New York, asking him if he could send his son to Matt's ranch to recover his strength, Matt had agreed at once. Taylor had helped Matt financially when he needed it the most, and the least he could do now was to take care of his old friend's boy.

Matt greeted young Sam Taylor. He loaded the boy's luggage into the back of the buckboard and they headed for the ranch, about five miles away. Sam talked eagerly about his trip west and it was evident to Matt that the boy was happy to be here. Sam talked of helping Matt with the various jobs on the ranch, but the older man looked doubtfully at the boy's lean frame and felt that the boy wouldn't be of much help at all around the place. What he needed was plenty of rest, fresh air and good food . . . and he would get plenty of each on Matt's ranch.

When they arrived at the ranch, Matt's wife Ellen welcomed Sam and told him to wash up . . . dinner was about ready. The kindly woman was going to fatten up the boy and she wanted to start in right away. Matt smiled to himself as he thought of Ellen's wonderful cooking . . . the men on the ranch had thrived on it, and young Sam Taylor would too.

Sam arose about nine o'clock the next morning. He washed and dressed and went downstairs for breakfast. He was surprised to find that Matt and the other men had eaten hours ago and were already hard at work around the ranch. He had forgotten that breakfast on a ranch can be as early as six in the morning! After thanking Ellen for a huge breakfast, he went out into the yard. He saw Matt coming from a distant pasture and greeted him warmly.

"Got anything for me to do?" Sam asked. "I want to start building myself up right away!"

Matt smiled. "What's your hurry, Sam? You just got here. Why not take it easy for a while?"

But Sam insisted that he wanted to help out around the ranch, otherwise he would feel useless. Matt saw that the boy was determined to earn his keep, so he showed him where the chicken feed was kept. He told Sam to feed the chickens and then gather the eggs and bring them into the house for Ellen. True, it wasn't a muscle-building job, but it would help them a lot, leaving them free time to handle other duties. Sam agreed willingly.

After feeding the chickens and collecting all the eggs, Sam went looking for Matt. He wanted something else to do now. He found Matt in one of the

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"THE LAST NOTCH!"

THIS WAS SOCORRO HOSPITALITY DISHED OUT IN BURNING LEAD BY THE DIE-HARD RUSTLERS WHO INFESTED THIS DESOLATE AREA! THERE WAS NO TIME TO STAND AND FIGHT! KID COLT HAD TO RUN THE GANTLET OF GUNFIRE... OR ELSE!

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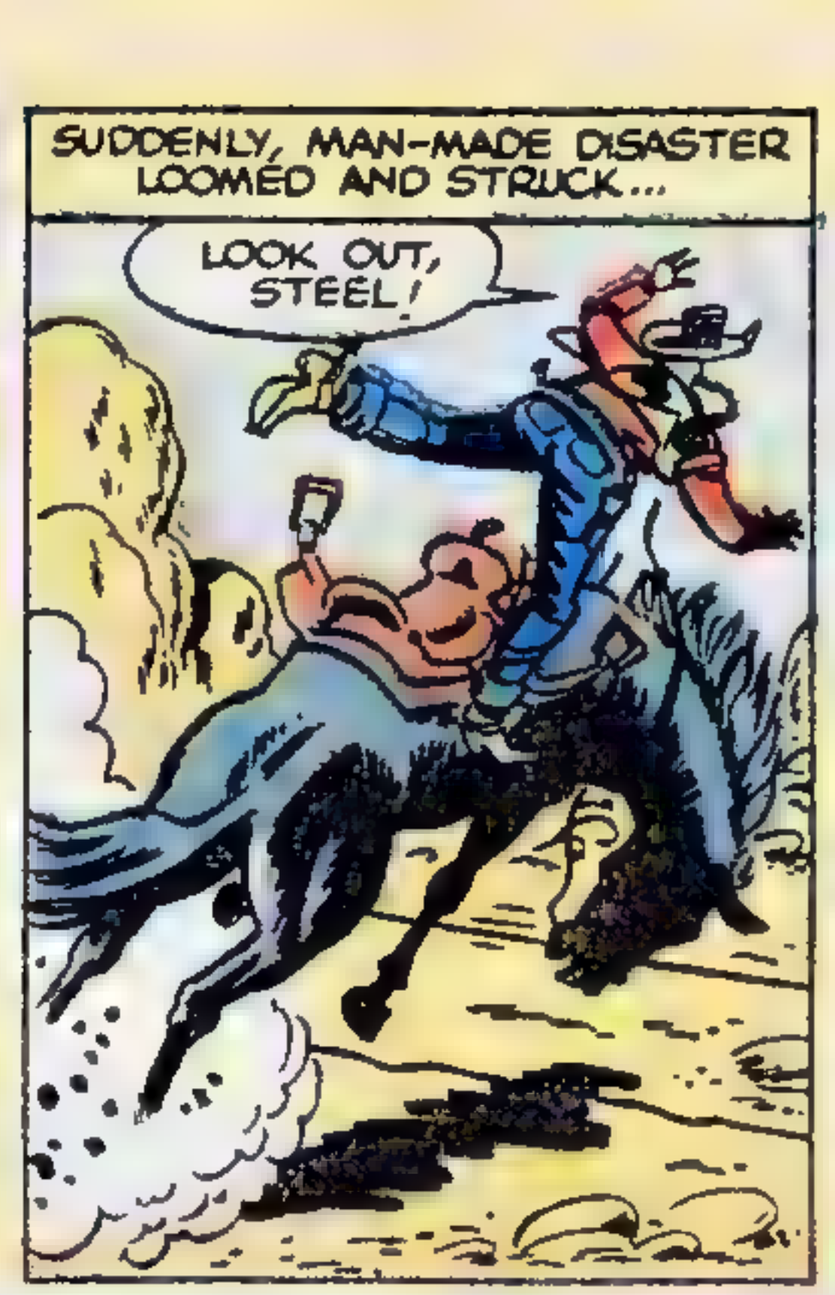
HIS MASTER'S URGING LENT WINGS TO THE FLEET-FOOTED STALLION...

GO IT, BOY! A HUNDRED FEET MORE AND WE'LL BE THROUGH!

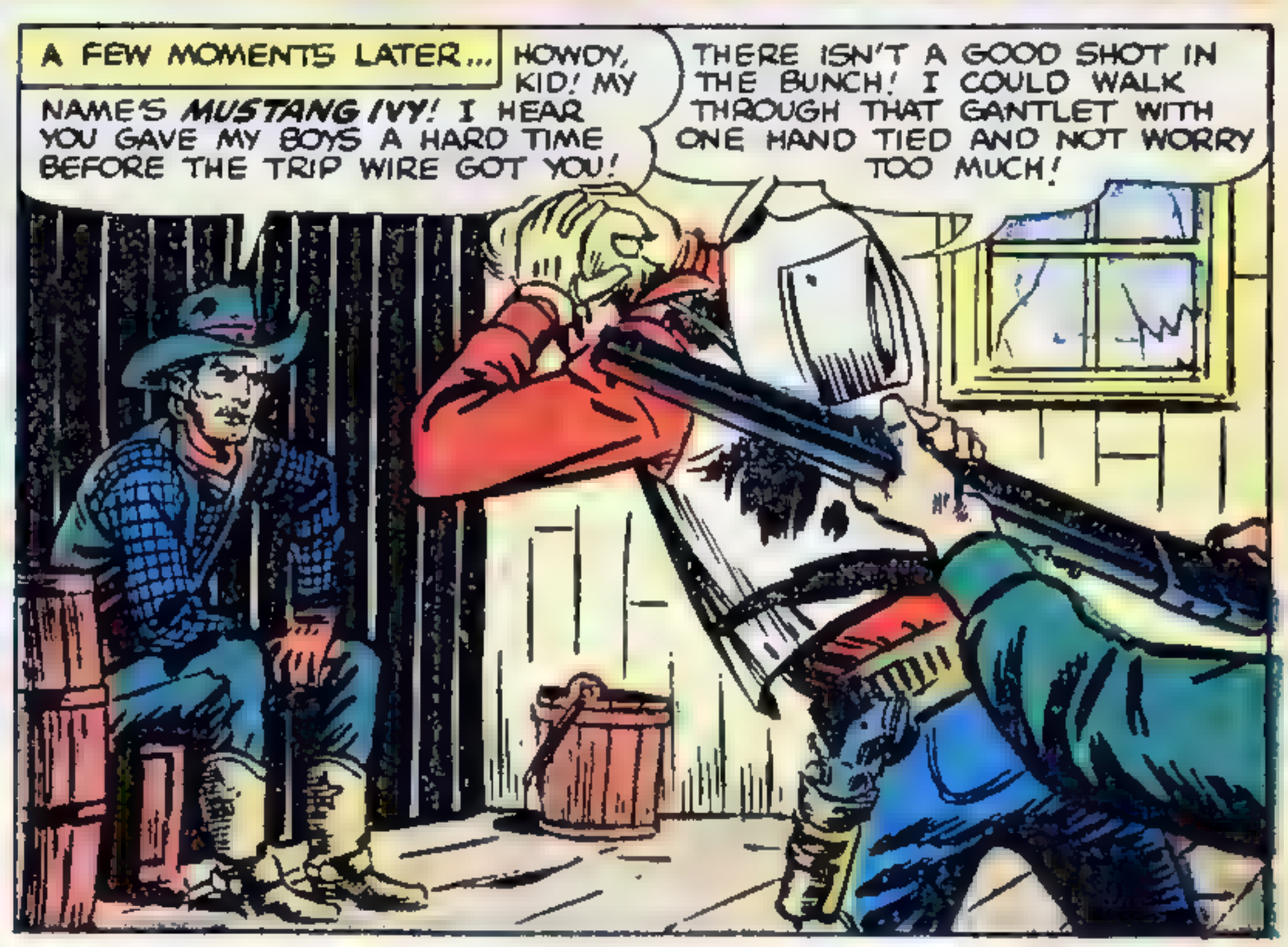
AND THE SOCORRO DIE-HARDS KNEW THEY WERE SWAPPING LEAD WITH A MASTER OF THE TRADE...

WE'RE IN THE CLEAR, STEEL! KEEP RUNNING, BOY!

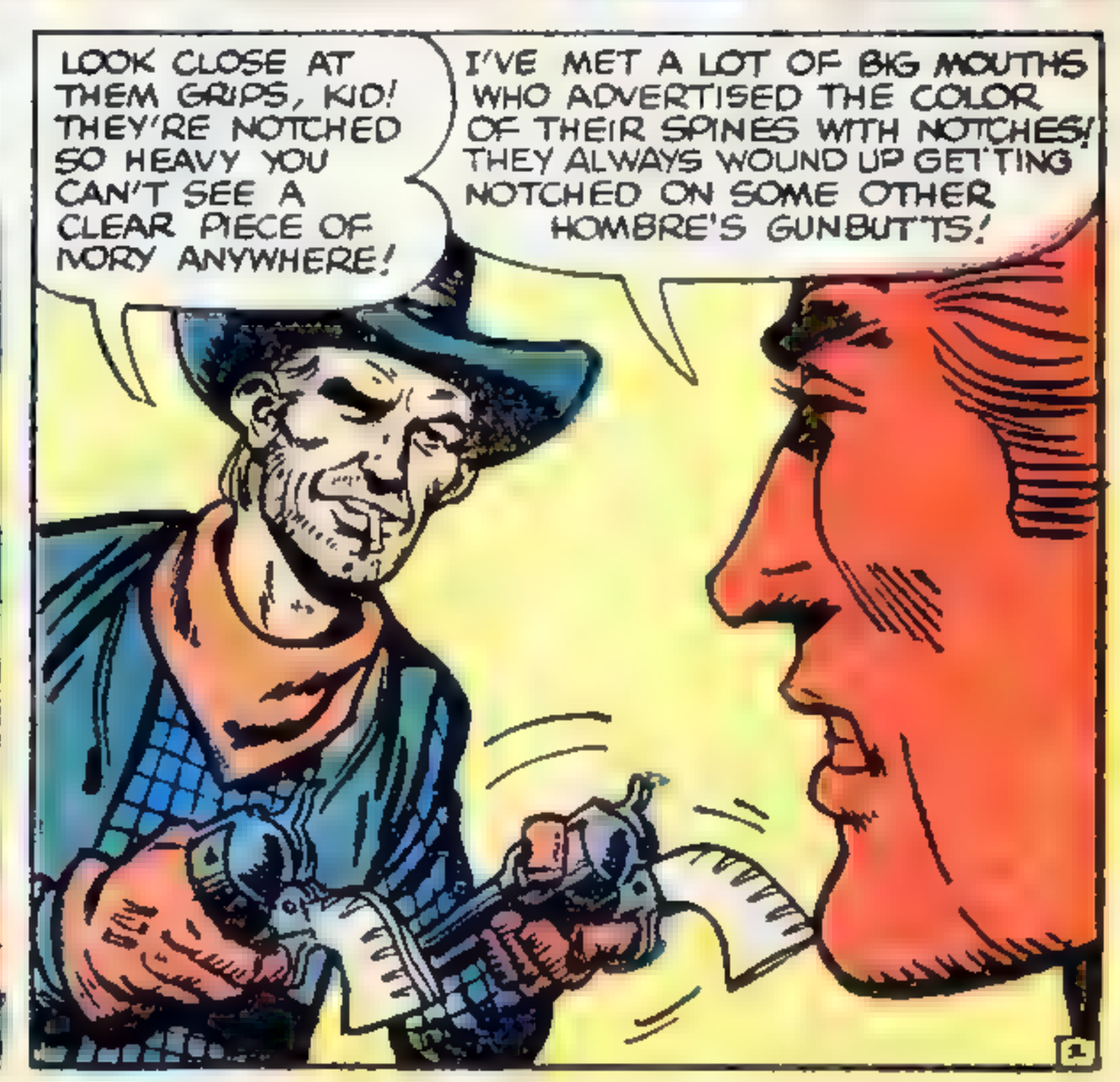

SUDDENLY, MAN-MADE DISASTER LOOMED AND STRUCK...
LOOK OUT, STEEL!

WHEN HE STAGGERED TO HIS FEET, IT WAS TOO LATE...
YOU DID BETTER THAN THE REST, AMIGO! NOBODY EVER GOT AS FAR AS THIS TRIP WIRE BEFORE! REACH!
WHAT KIND OF A SHAKE-DOWN DO YOU CALL THIS? I'M NOT CARRYING VALUABLES, SO THIS IS A WASTE OF TIME!

YOU GOT SOMETHIN' MORE VALUABLE THAN MONEY, AMIGO! PUT YOUR HANDS ON YOUR HEAD AND FOLLOW THE TRAIL!


A FEW MOMENTS LATER...
HOWDY, KID! MY NAME'S MUSTANG IVY! I HEAR YOU GAVE MY BOYS A HARD TIME BEFORE THE TRIP WIRE GOT YOU!
THERE ISN'T A GOOD SHOT IN THE BUNCH! I COULD WALK THROUGH THAT GANTLET WITH ONE HAND TIED AND NOT WORRY TOO MUCH!

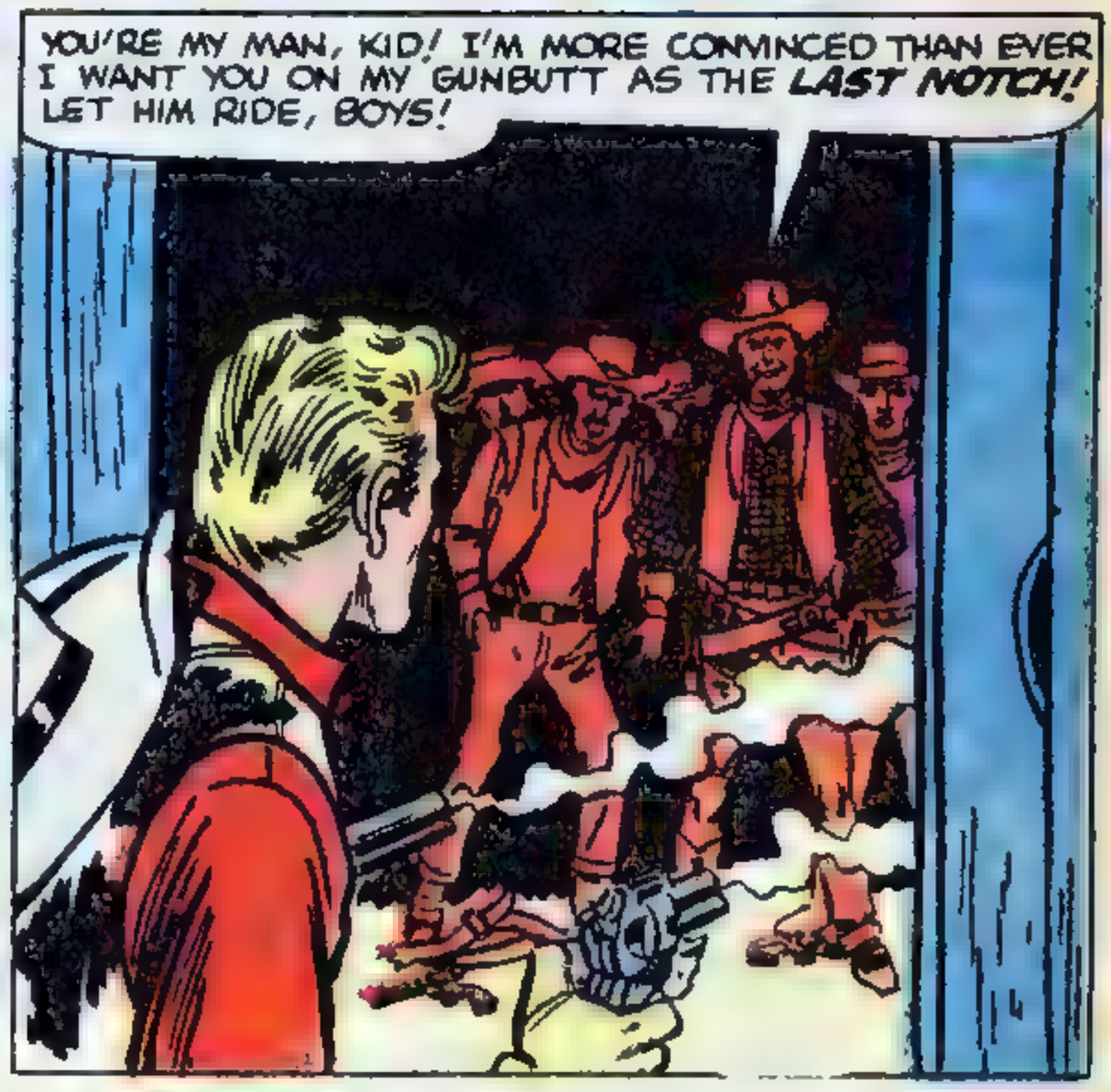
I'D LIKE TO GET ON MY WAY, SO SPEAK YOUR PIECE AND LET ME GO!
I'M FROM THE NORTH LLANO COUNTRY AND I'VE ALWAYS HEARD YOUR NAME MENTIONED WHEREVER THE TALK GETS AROUND TO LIGHTNING GUNS!

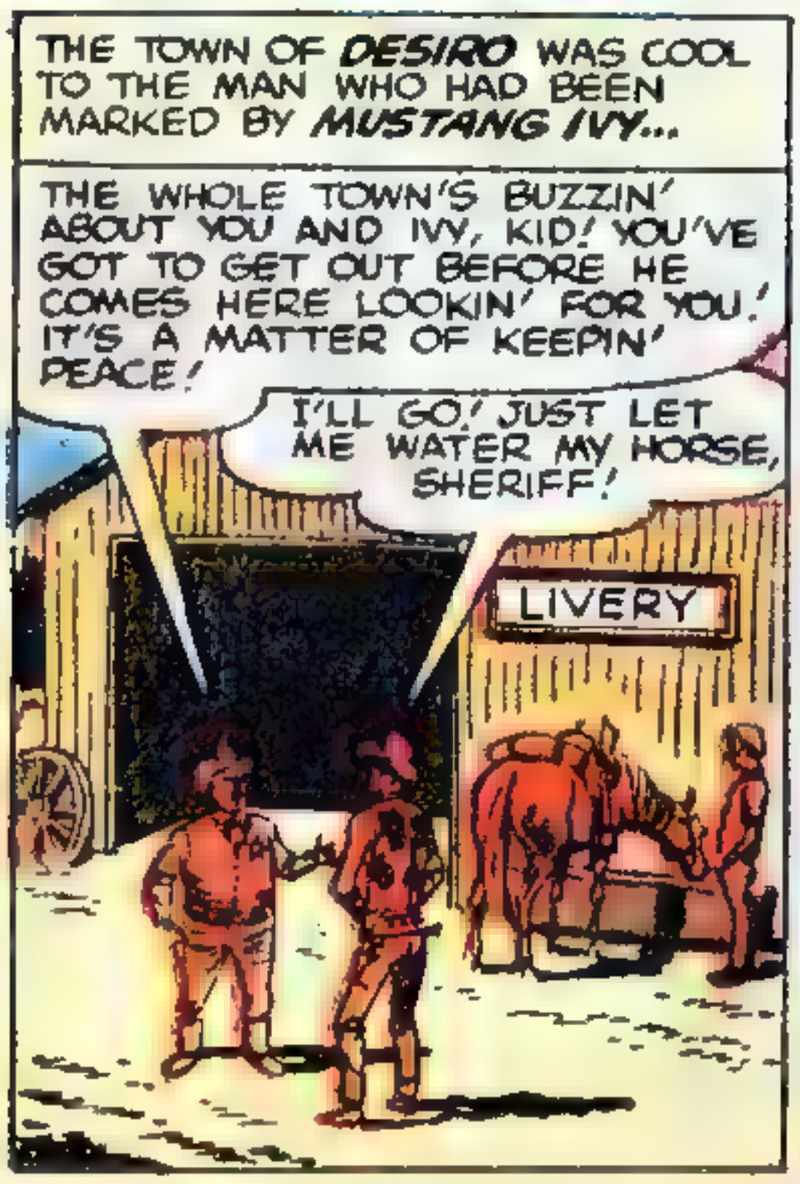

LOOK CLOSE AT THEM GRIPS, KID! THEY'RE NOTCHED SO HEAVY YOU CAN'T SEE A CLEAR PIECE OF IVORY ANYWHERE!
I'VE MET A LOT OF BIG MOUTHS WHO ADVERTISED THE COLOR OF THEIR SPINES WITH NOTCHES! THEY ALWAYS WOUND UP GETTING NOTCHED ON SOME OTHER HOMBRE'S GUNBUTTS!

MY NOTCHES TELL A STORY WHICH CHECKS WITH BOOT-HILL! ANYWAY, I GOT ROOM FOR ONE MORE NOTCH ON THIS GUN... AND IT'S GOING TO STAND FOR A RANNY NAMED KID COLT!
THAT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO DO, SEEING MY HANDS ARE UP AND THE ROOM IS FILLED WITH YOUR FLUNKIES!

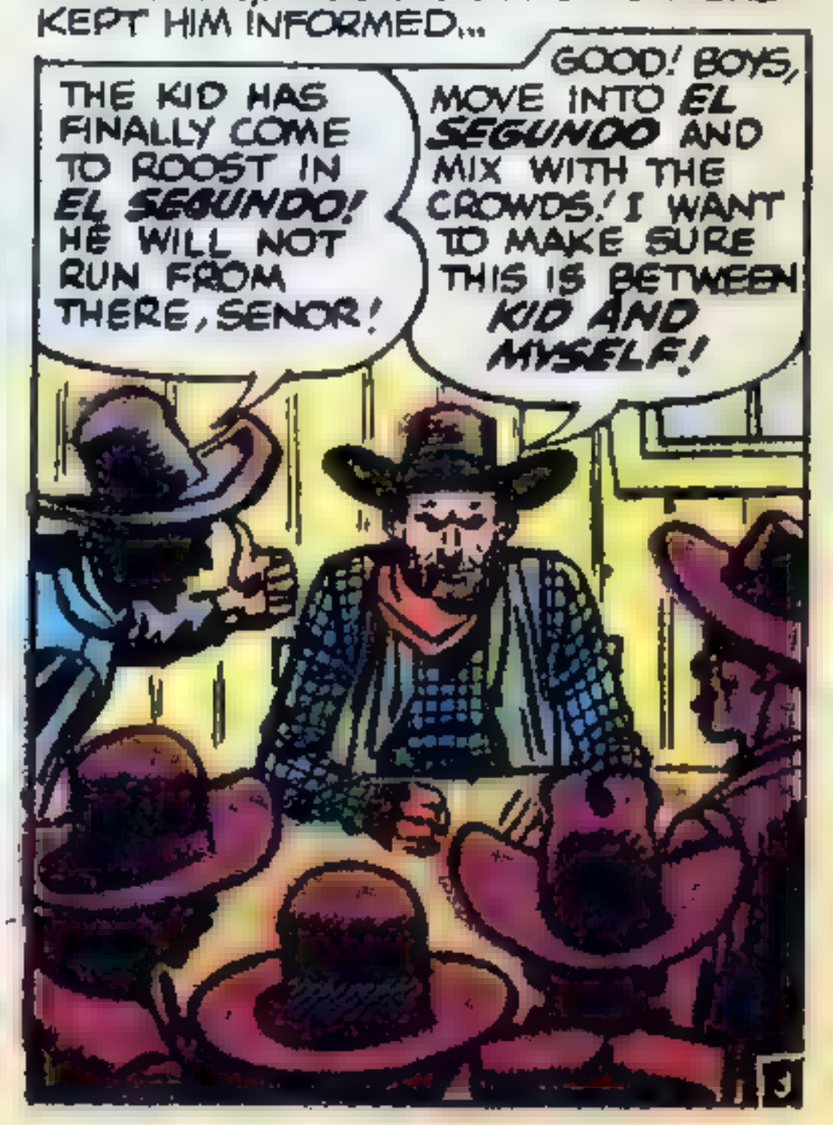
PUT YOUR HANDS DOWN, COLT! WHEN YOU AND I MEET AGAIN, IT WILL BE MAN TO MAN FOR A FINAL SHOWDOWN! WE'LL MEET, KID, AND YOU'LL BE THE LAST NOTCH!
I'LL BE AROUND!

AND SUDDENLY, THE ROOM WAS FILLED WITH SIX-GUN THUNDER...
HERE'S A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT WHEN YOU FIND ME, IVY!


YOU'RE MY MAN, KID! I'M MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER I WANT YOU ON MY GUNBUTT AS THE LAST NOTCH! LET HIM RIDE, BOYS!


THE TOWN OF DESIRO WAS COOL TO THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN MARKED BY MUSTANG IVY...
THE WHOLE TOWN'S BUZZIN' ABOUT YOU AND IVY, KID! YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT BEFORE HE COMES HERE LOOKIN' FOR YOU! IT'S A MATTER OF KEEPIN' PEACE!
I'LL GO! JUST LET ME WATER MY HORSE, SHERIFF!
LIVERY

THE NEXT TOWN WAS THE SAME... AND THE ONE AFTER THAT...
TRY ANOTHER TOWN, KID! I DON'T WANT THIS FEUD BETWEEN YOU AND IVY ON MY CONSCIENCE!


MEANWHILE, MUSTANG IVY'S RUNNERS KEPT HIM INFORMED...
THE KID HAS FINALLY COME TO ROOST IN EL SEGUNDO! HE WILL NOT RUN FROM THERE, SENOR!
GOOD! BOYS, MOVE INTO EL SEGUNDO AND MIX WITH THE CROWDS! I WANT TO MAKE SURE THIS IS BETWEEN KID AND MYSELF!

KID COLT WALKED ALONE IN *EL SEGUNDO!* ONLY A FOOL WOULD HAVE RISKED KEEPING HIM COMPANY...

BETTER GET SCARCE! THERE'S NO TELLIN' WHEN IVY'S BULLETS WILL BRACE HIM!

I'D LAY MY DOLLARS ON *COLT*, BUT *IVY'S* GOT TOO MANY GUNS SCATTERED THROUGH TOWN RIGHT NOW!

HOWDY! I RECKON YOU'RE THE HOMBRE WHO'S GOING TO EARN HIMSELF A NOTCH ON *IVY'S* GUN GRIPS!

THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY! I DIDN'T PICK THIS RUCKUS BUT I'M NOT RUNNING FROM IT!

MIND IF I KEEP YOU COMPANY? I ALWAYS LIKE TO SWAP PALAVER WITH A MAN BEFORE A SHOWDOWN!

ONE THING ABOUT *IVY* BOTHERS ME! I CAN'T FIGURE *WHY* HE WANTS *ME* AS HIS LAST GUN FIGHT! I NEVER MET HIM BEFORE!

IT'S IN THE BLOOD! HE THINKS YOU'RE FAST! I THINK HE'S FAST! IT'S A CIRCLE WITH NO WINNERS!

ALL THIS JUST TO NOTCH A GUN! LIKE I SAID BEFORE... *IVY* ASKED FOR THIS FIGHT AND I'M *NOT* RUNNING AWAY!

HERE'S WHERE WE GO OUR OWN WAYS, AMIGO! *MUSTANG IVY* IS HUNTING FOR YOU AND MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE IS HUNTING FOR *IVY!* GOOD LUCK!

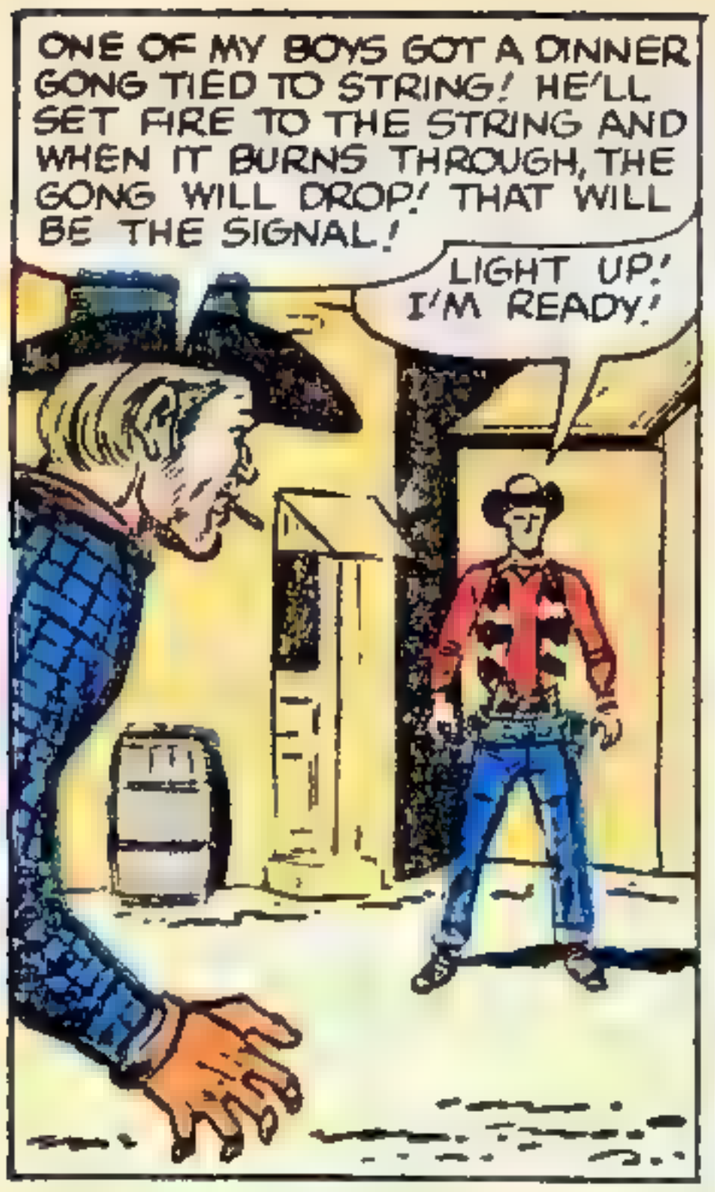
YOU TALK IN RIDDLES, STRANGER... BUT THANKS ANYWAY!

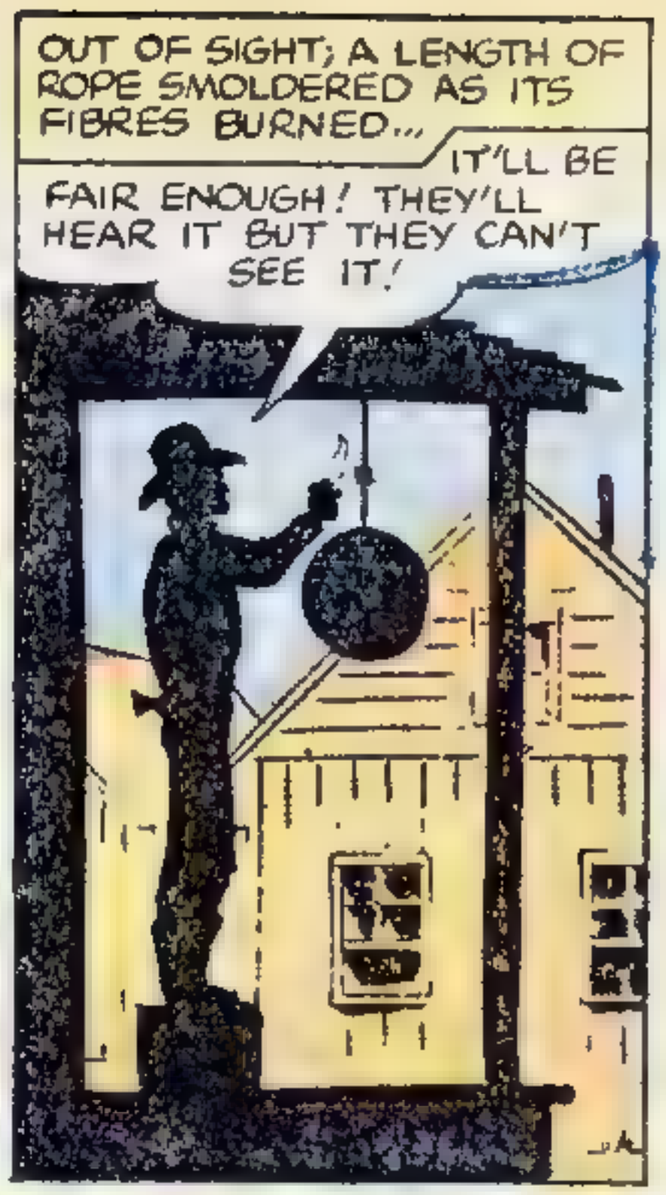
INSTINCT TOLD THE *KID* THAT THE TIME HAD COME! THE STREETS HUSHED SUDDENLY...

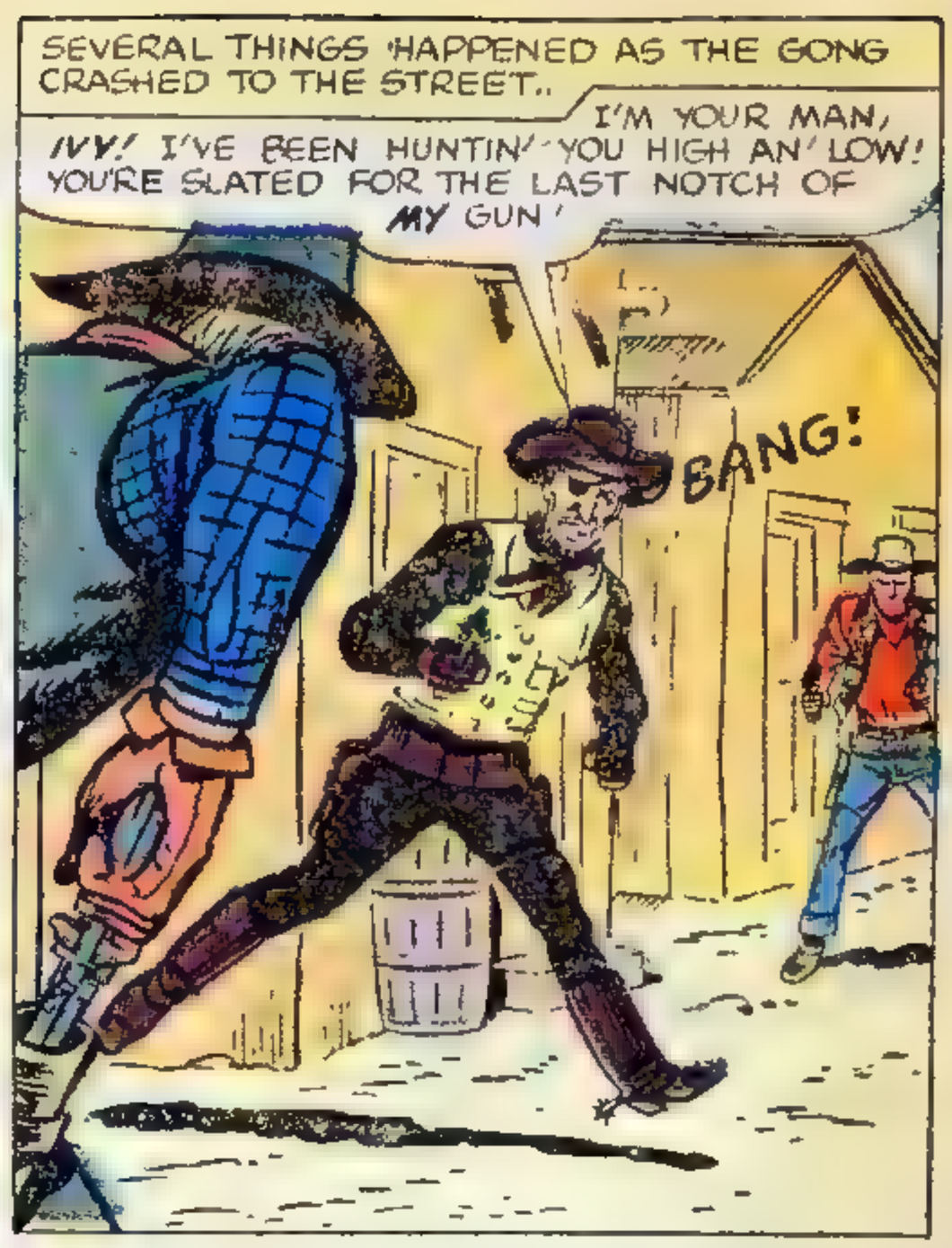
IT'S TIME FOR THE SHOWDOWN! *IVY* MUST BE CLOSE BY!

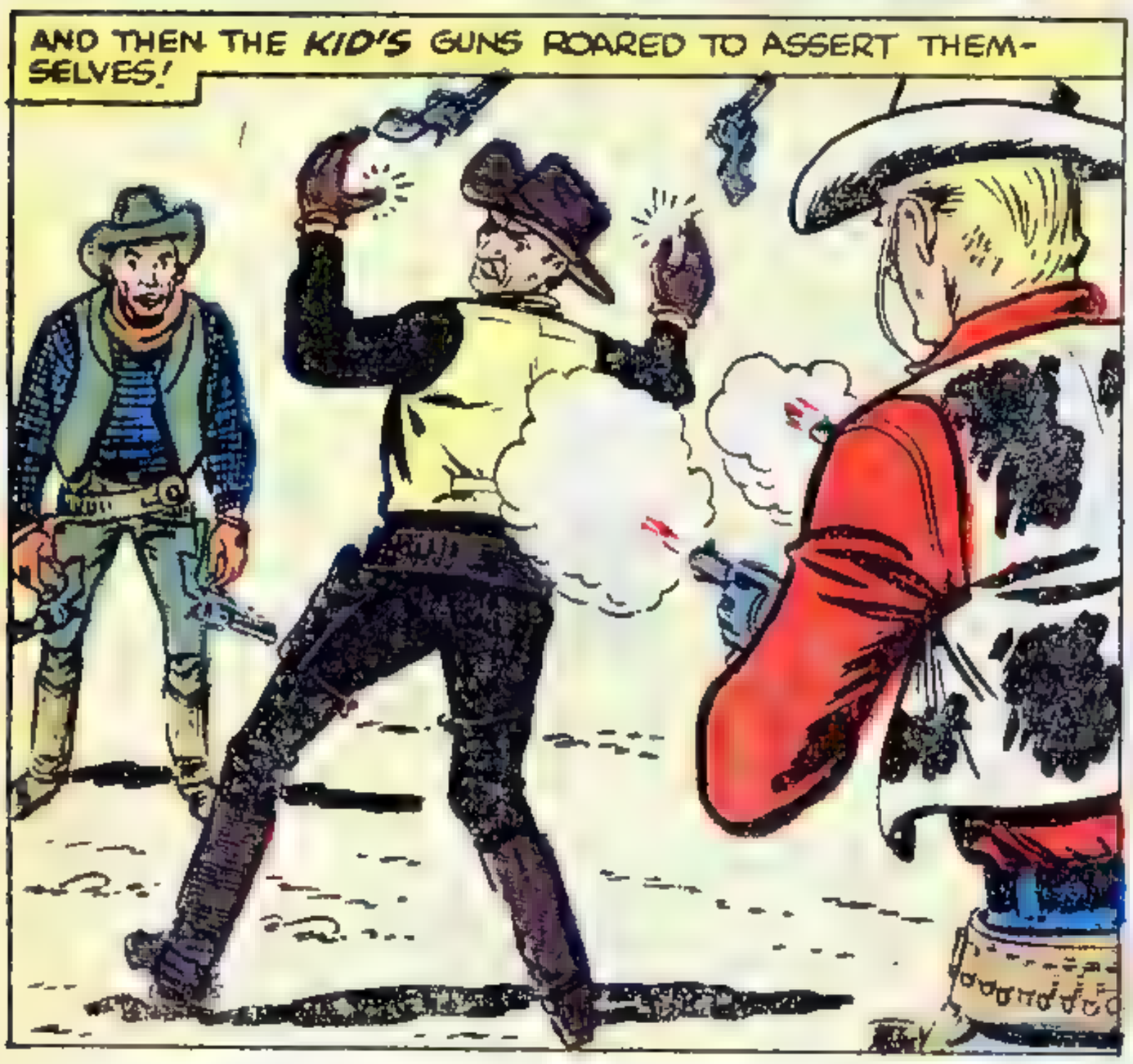
HERE I AM, COLT! IS IT OKAY WITH YOU IF WE DRAW ON COUNTED TIME?

THIS IS YOUR PARTY, SO SUIT YOURSELF!


ONE OF MY BOYS GOT A DINNER GONG TIED TO STRING! HE'LL SET FIRE TO THE STRING AND WHEN IT BURNS THROUGH, THE GONG WILL DROP! THAT WILL BE THE SIGNAL!
LIGHT UP! I'M READY!

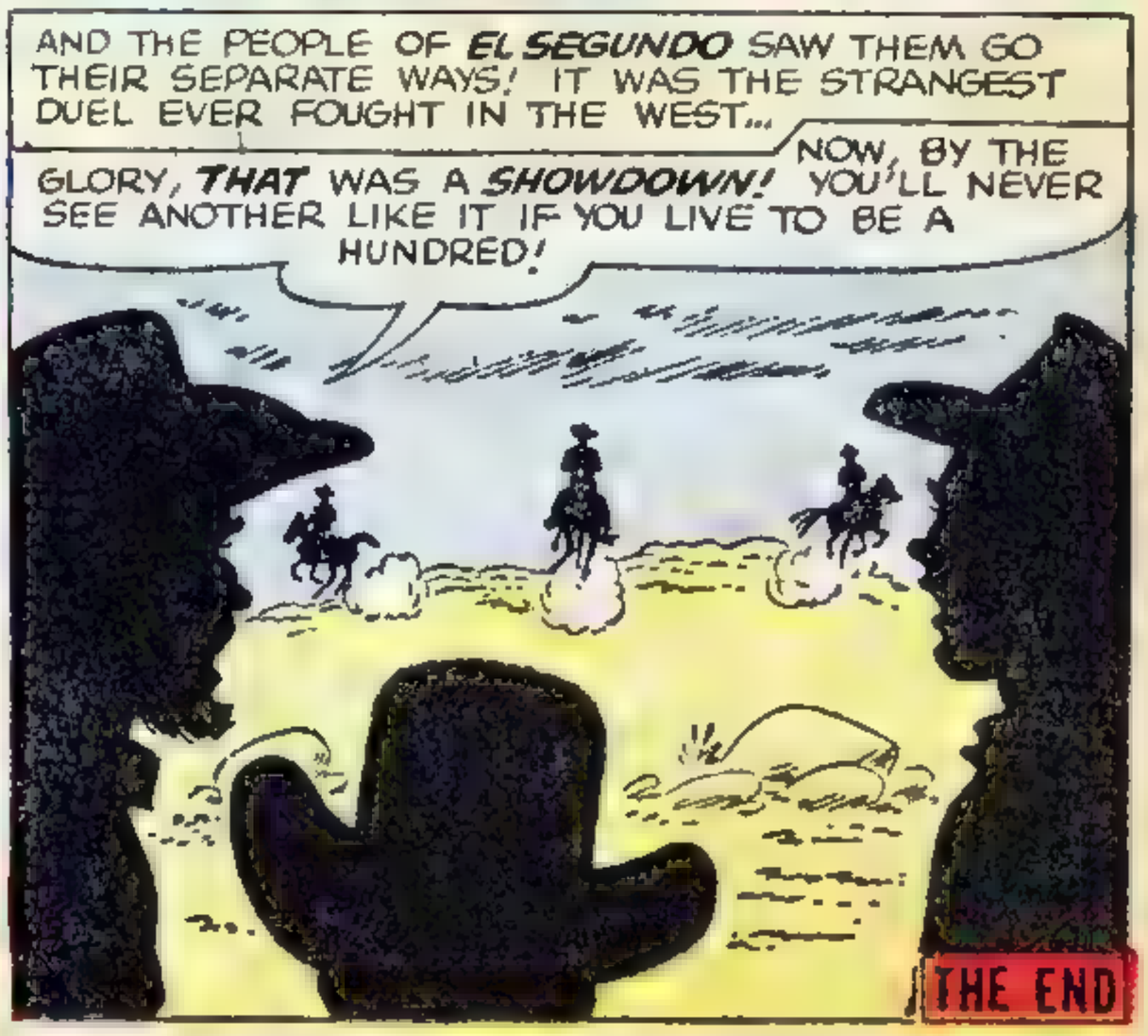

OUT OF SIGHT; A LENGTH OF ROPE SMOLDERED AS ITS FIBRES BURNED...
IT'LL BE FAIR ENOUGH! THEY'LL HEAR IT BUT THEY CAN'T SEE IT!

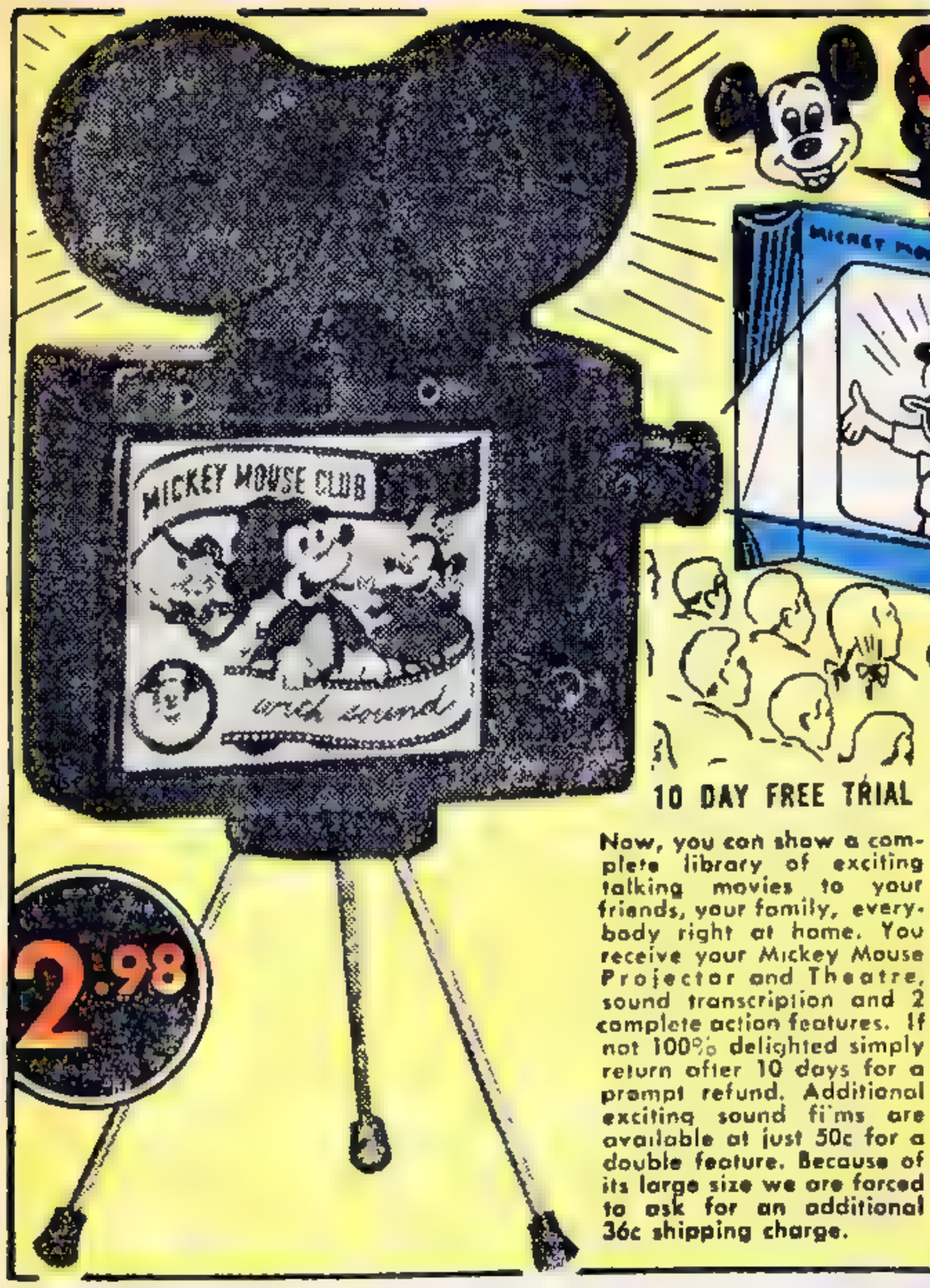

SEVERAL THINGS HAPPENED AS THE GONG CRASHED TO THE STREET..
I'M YOUR MAN, IVY! I'VE BEEN HUNTIN' YOU HIGH AN' LOW! YOU'RE SLATED FOR THE LAST NOTCH OF MY GUN!
BANG!


AND THEN THE KID'S GUNS ROARED TO ASSERT THEMSELVES!

YOU COULD HAVE BURNED US BOTH DOWN! WHY DIDN'T YOU DO IT?
I REMEMBERED SOMETHING YOU SAID ABOUT A CIRCLE WITH NO WINNERS!

ALL THREE OF US CAME CLOSE TO BEING NOTHING BUT A NOTCH ON SOMEBODY ELSE'S GUN! I FIGURED WE ALL GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO LIVE FOR!
WHAT YOU SAY MAKES SENSE! THAT LAST NOTCH DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO ME ANY MORE!


AND THE PEOPLE OF EL SEGUNDO SAW THEM GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS! IT WAS THE STRANGEST DUEL EVER FOUGHT IN THE WEST...
NOW, BY THE GLORY, THAT WAS A SHOWDOWN! YOU'LL NEVER SEE ANOTHER LIKE IT IF YOU LIVE TO BE A HUNDRED!
THE END



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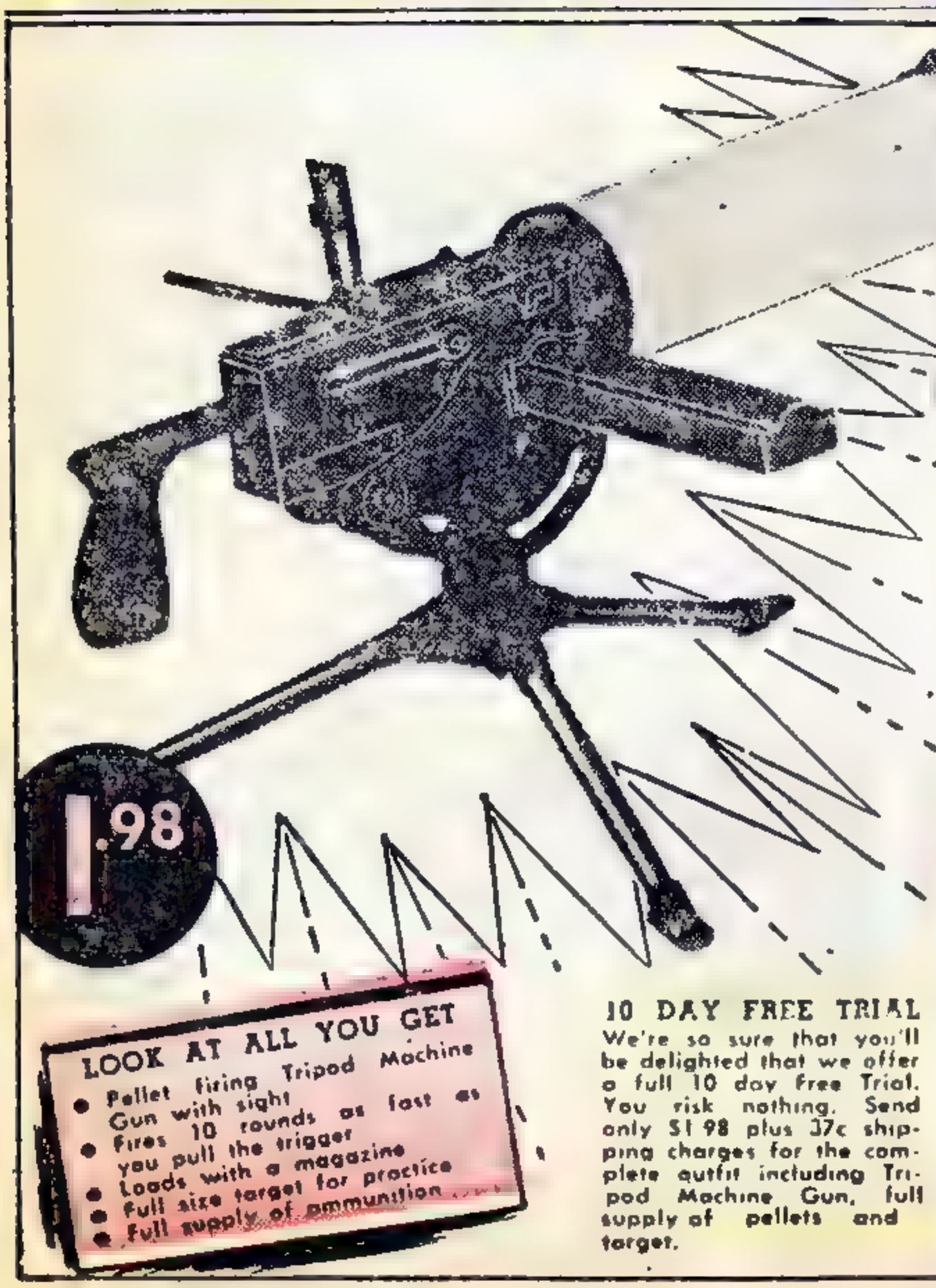

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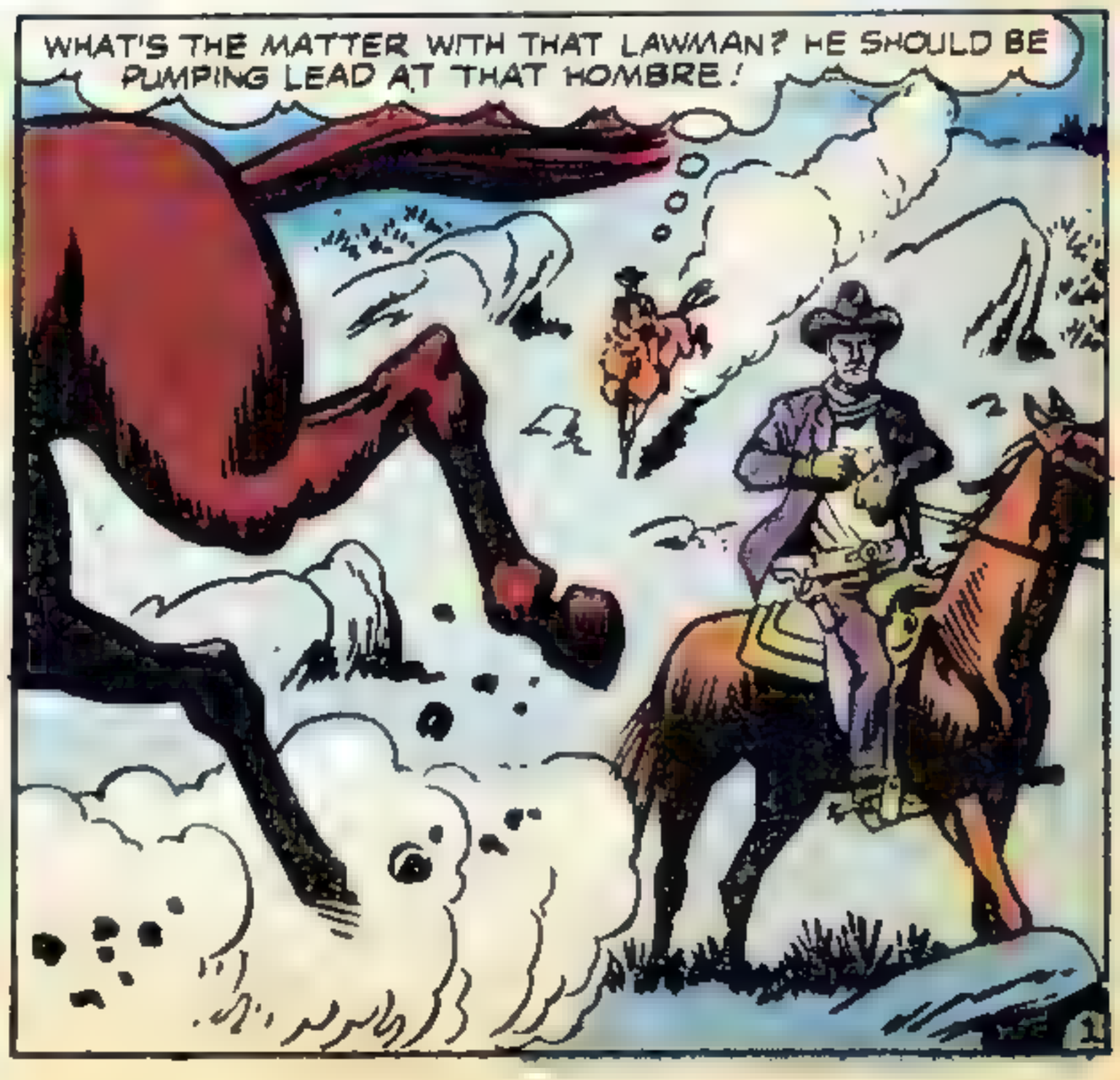
"THE REBEL!"

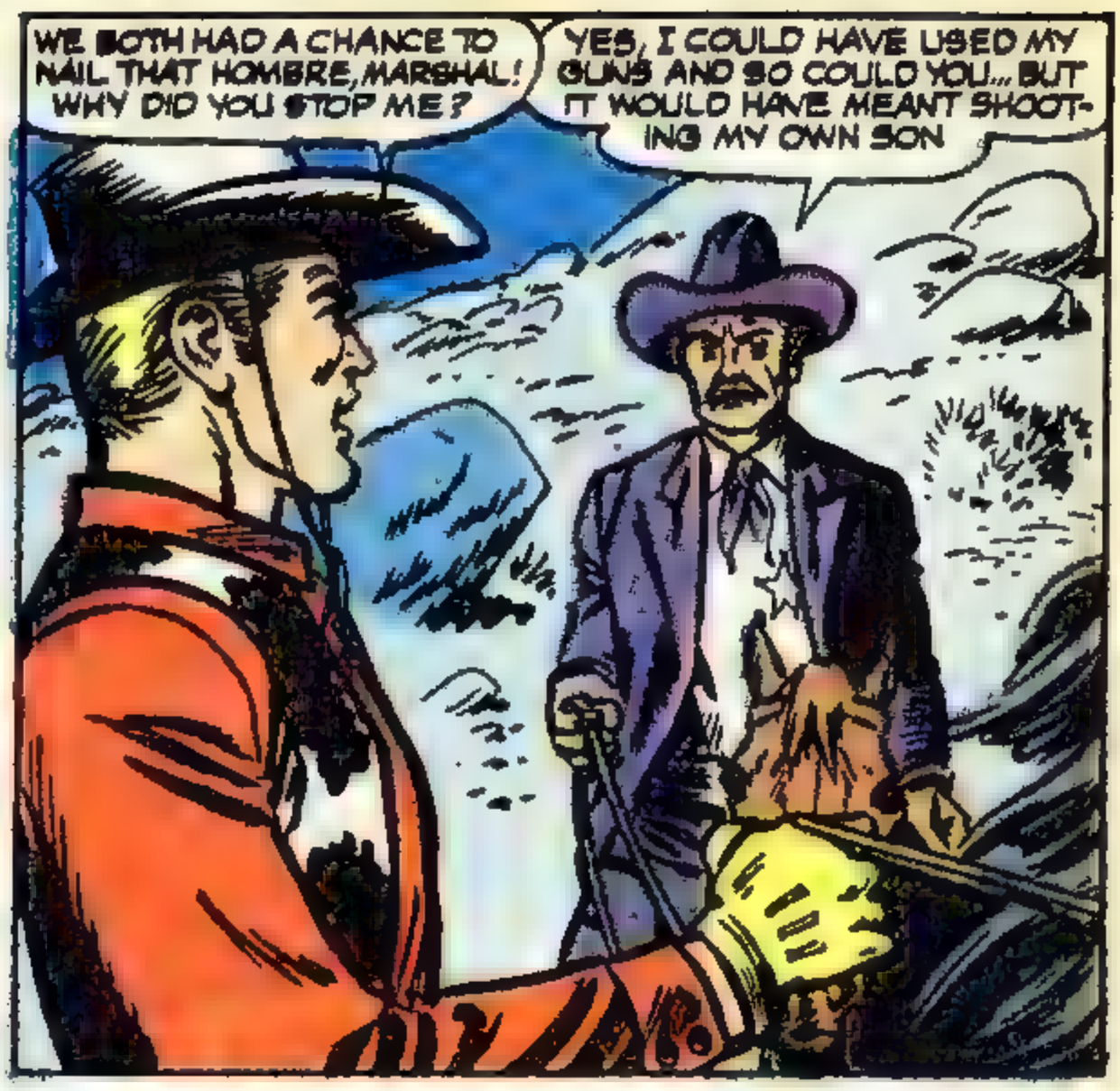
WHOA, STEEL! LOOKS LIKE THAT MARSHAL IS IN A TIGHT SPOT!

A QUIRK OF FATE HAD CAST KID COLT IN THE ROLE OF A WANDERER TRYING TO STAY CLEAR OF TROUBLE... BUT THE KID DID NOT HESITATE A MOMENT WHEN HE SAW A U.S. MARSHAL HELD AT BAY BY A PAIR OF SIX-GUNS!

JACK KELLER L641



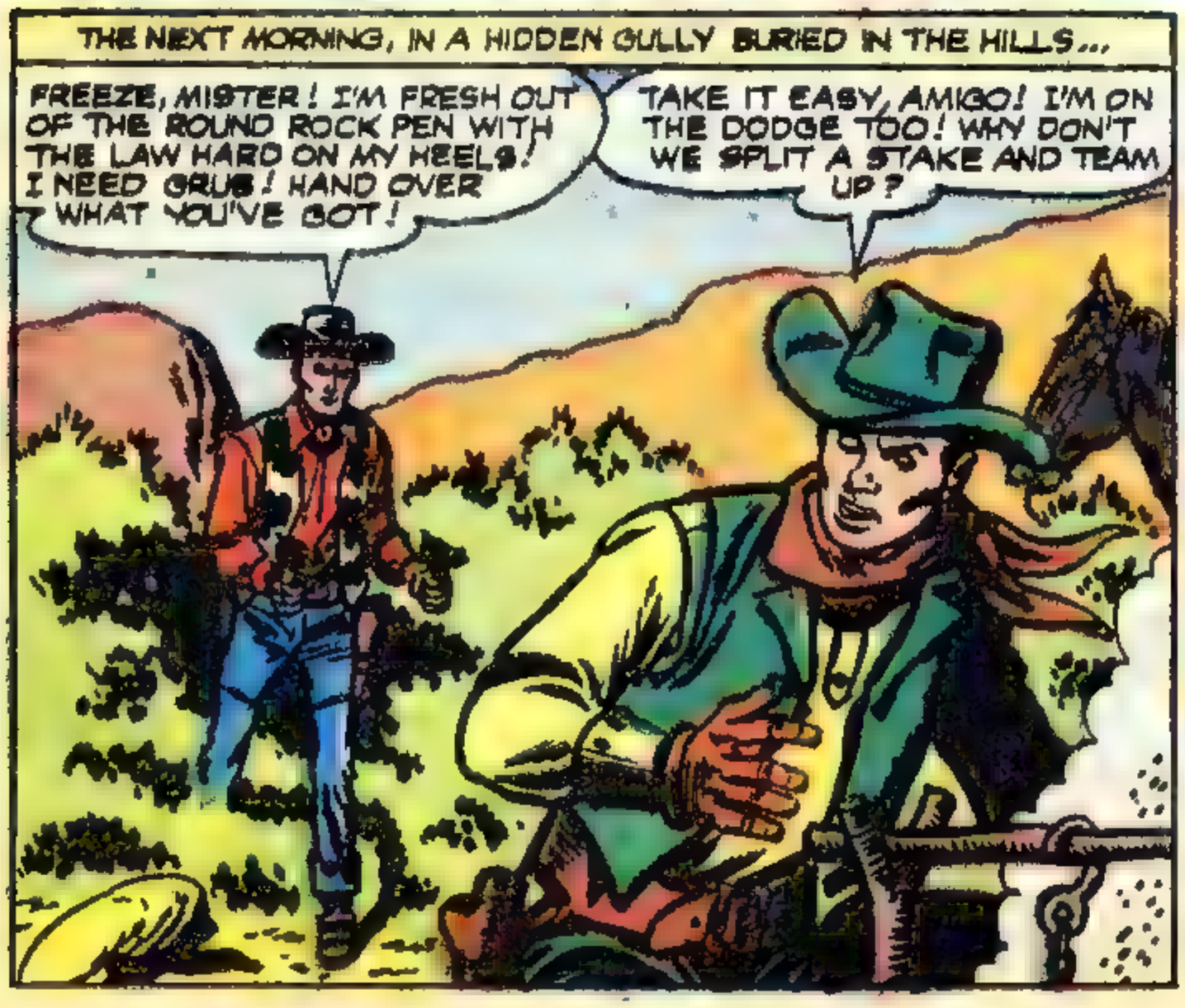
NO! DON'T SHOOT!


WE BOTH HAD A CHANCE TO NAIL THAT HOMBRE, MARSHAL! WHY DID YOU STOP ME?
YES, I COULD HAVE USED MY GUNS AND SO COULD YOU... BUT IT WOULD HAVE MEANT SHOOTING MY OWN SON

Y-YOUR SON? I DON'T UNDERSTAND, MARSHAL!
THE BOY JUST TURNED BAD! HE HATES THE LAW AND HATES ME BECAUSE I REPRESENT THE LAW!

WELL, JUST LETTING HIM GO SCOT FREE ISN'T GOING TO HELP THINGS! HE'LL BE PICKED UP BY SOME OTHER LAWMAN!
I KNOW HE WILL, BUT IT'S BETTER THAT WAY! I COULD NEVER LIVE WITH MYSELF IF I WAS TO BE THE MAN WHO TOOK HIM IN!

THE BOY WON'T BE OUT OF THIS TERRITORY FOR SOME TIME, SO WHY DON'T YOU LET ME WORK OUT AN IDEA I'VE GOT?
GO AHEAD, BUT DON'T TAKE ANY RISKS ON MY ACCOUNT!


THE NEXT MORNING, IN A HIDDEN GULLY BURIED IN THE HILLS...
FREEZE, MISTER! I'M FRESH OUT OF THE ROUND ROCK PEN WITH THE LAW HARD ON MY HEELS! I NEED GRUB! HAND OVER WHAT YOU'VE GOT!
TAKE IT EASY, AMIGO! I'M ON THE DODGE TOO! WHY DON'T WE SPLIT A STAKE AND TEAM UP?

IT MIGHT WORK AT THAT! FOUR GUNS TALK LOUDER THAN TWO, BUT I DON'T SEE YOU WEARING ANY!
WELL, I LOST THEM IN A SCRAPE WITH THE LAW A WHILE BACK! I CAN PICK UP ANOTHER PAIR SOME PLACE!

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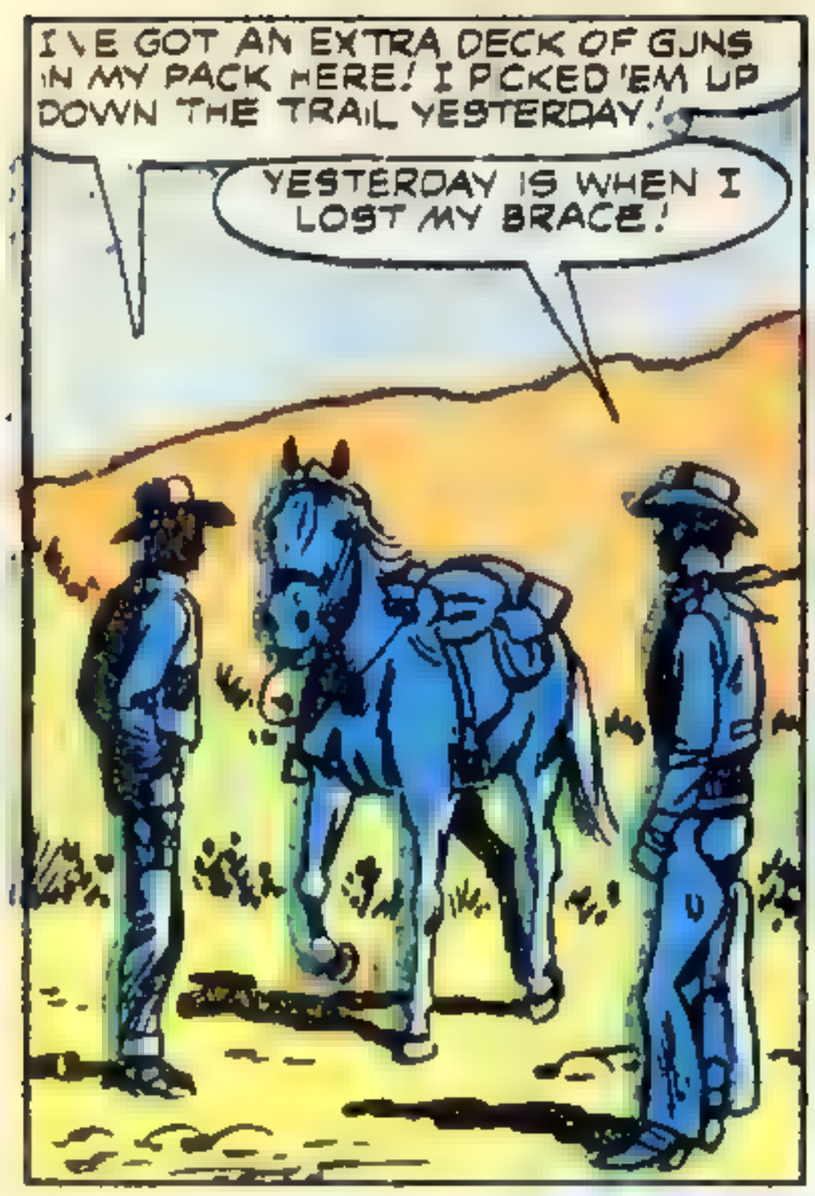
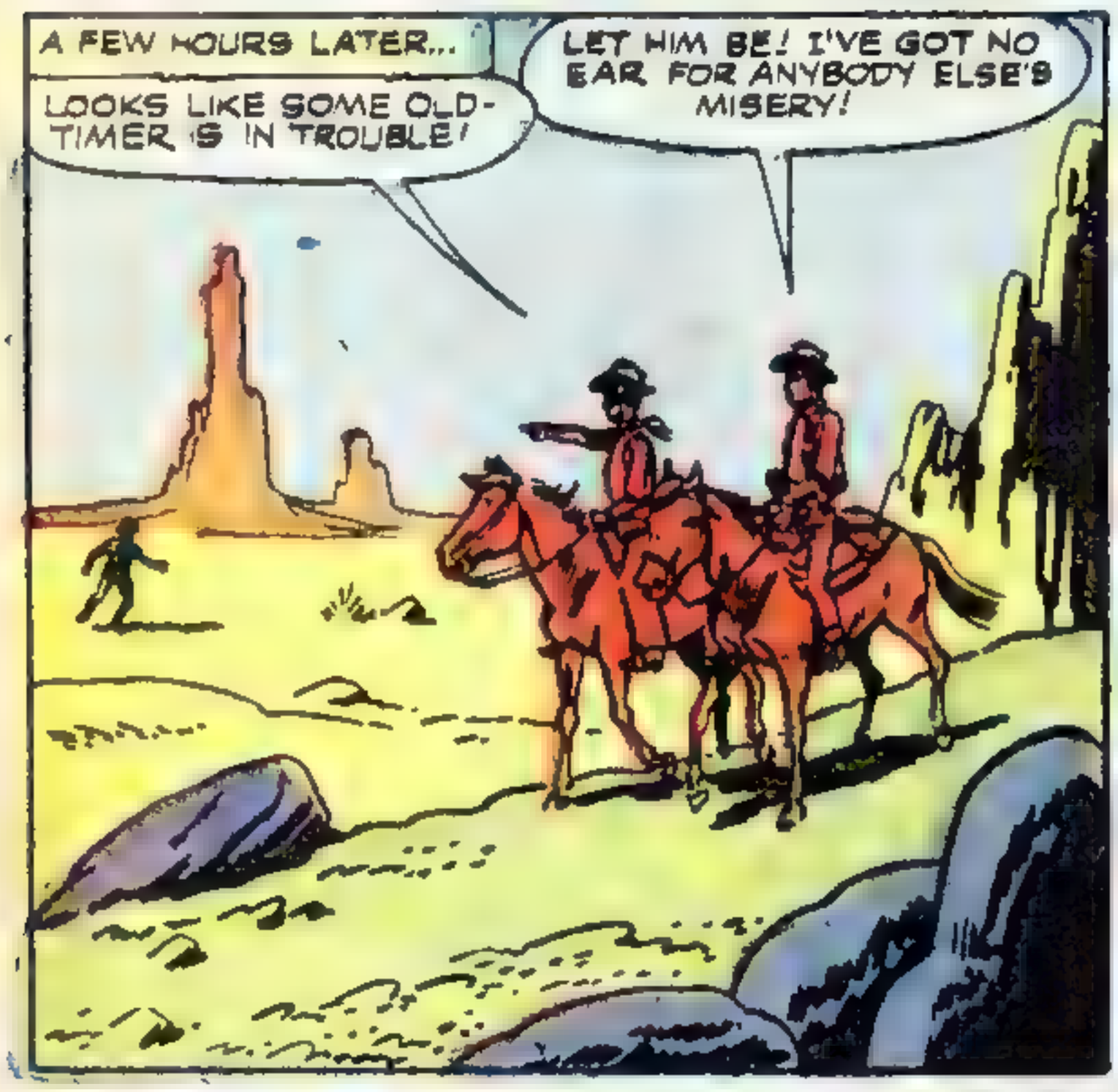
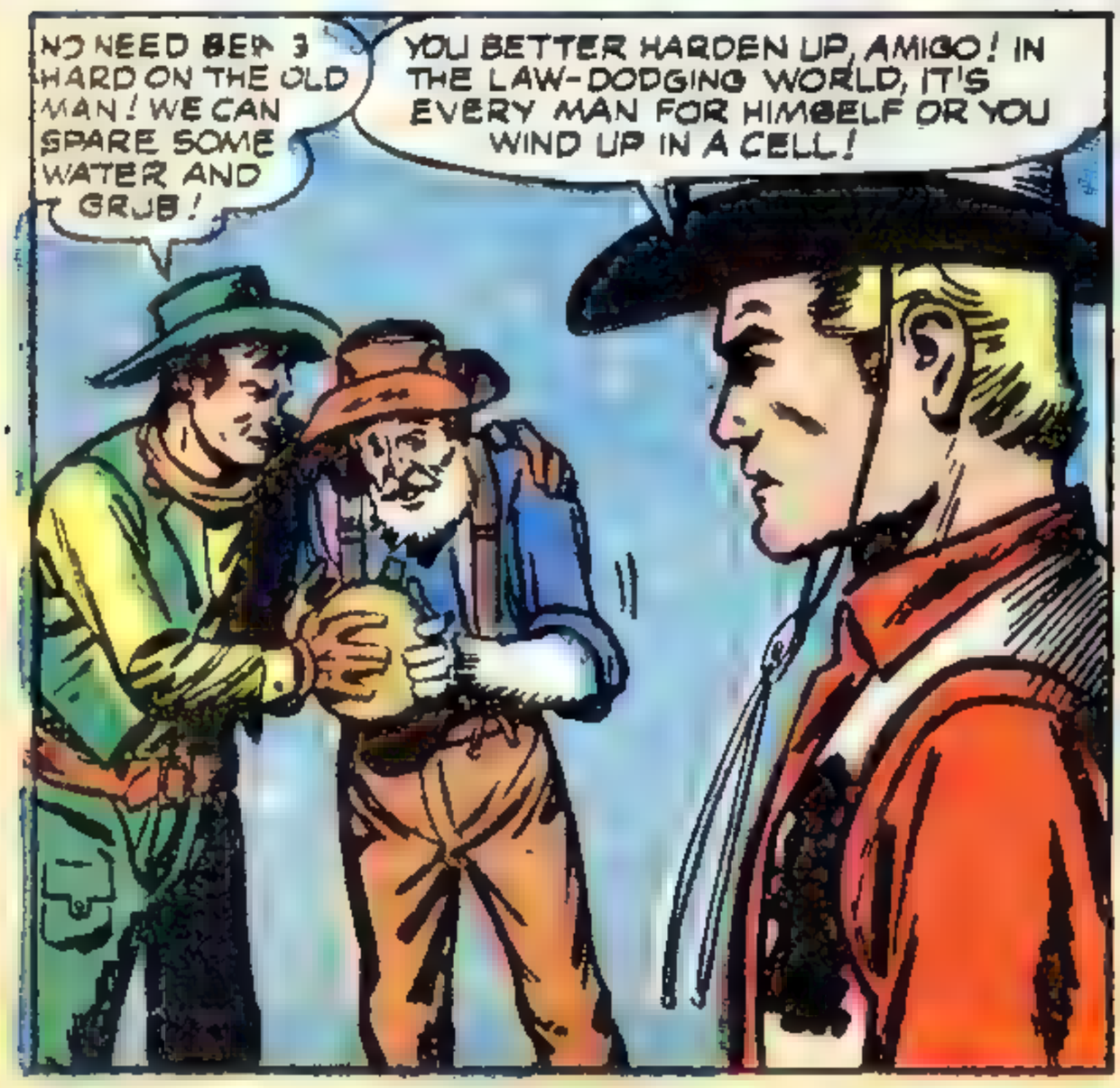

I'VE GOT AN EXTRA DECK OF GUNS IN MY PACK HERE! I PICKED 'EM UP DOWN THE TRAIL YESTERDAY!
YESTERDAY IS WHEN I LOST MY BRACE!

THOSE ARE MY GUNS! WHERE'D YOU GET THEM?
I SORT OF "BORROWED" THEM FROM A MARSHAL! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'VE GOT THE MARSHAL HOG-TIED IN A LINE SHACK NOT FAR FROM HERE!

I HAVEN'T GOT MUCH USE FOR A LAWMAN, BUT I SUPPOSE YOU LEFT HIM WITH SOME GRUB AND WATER!
NOT ON YOUR LIFE! LET'S BREAK CAMP AND HEAD OUT! HERE, TAKE THESE GUNS AND LET'S ROLL!

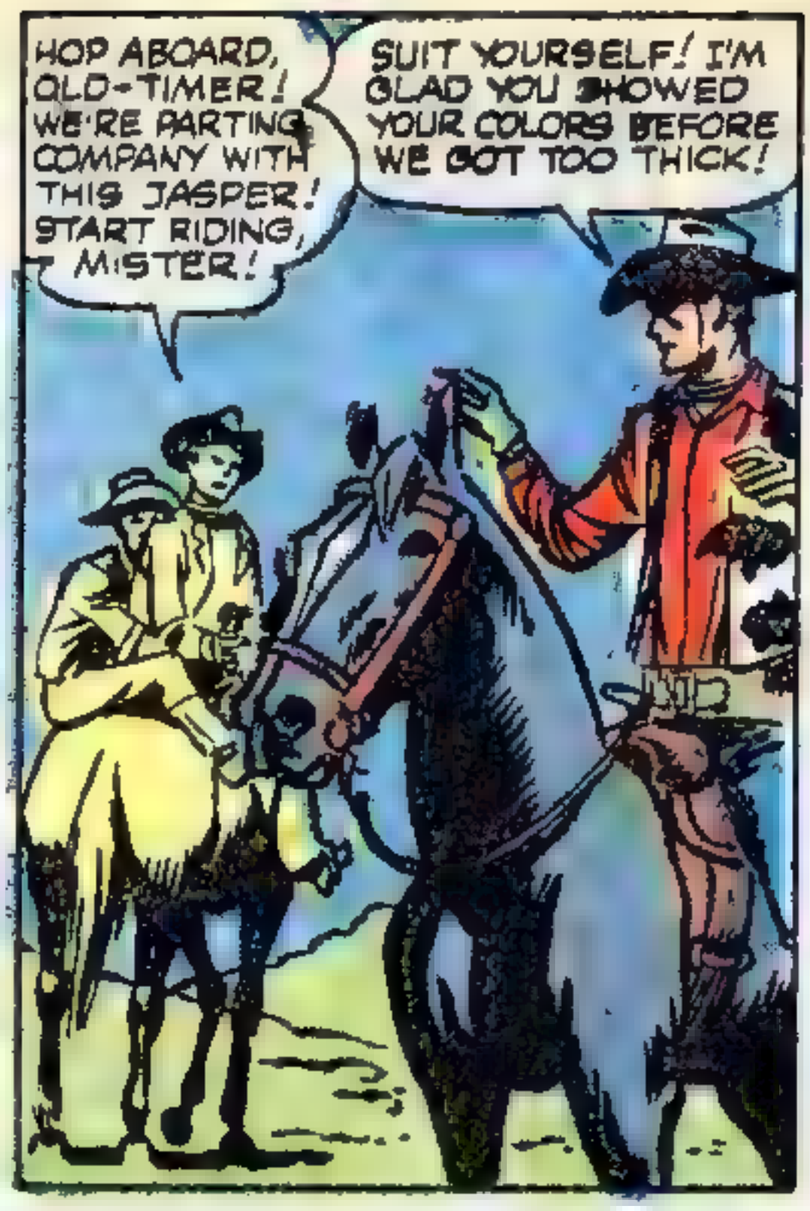

A FEW HOURS LATER...
LOOKS LIKE SOME OLD-TIMER IS IN TROUBLE!
LET HIM BE! I'VE GOT NO EAR FOR ANYBODY ELSE'S MISERY!

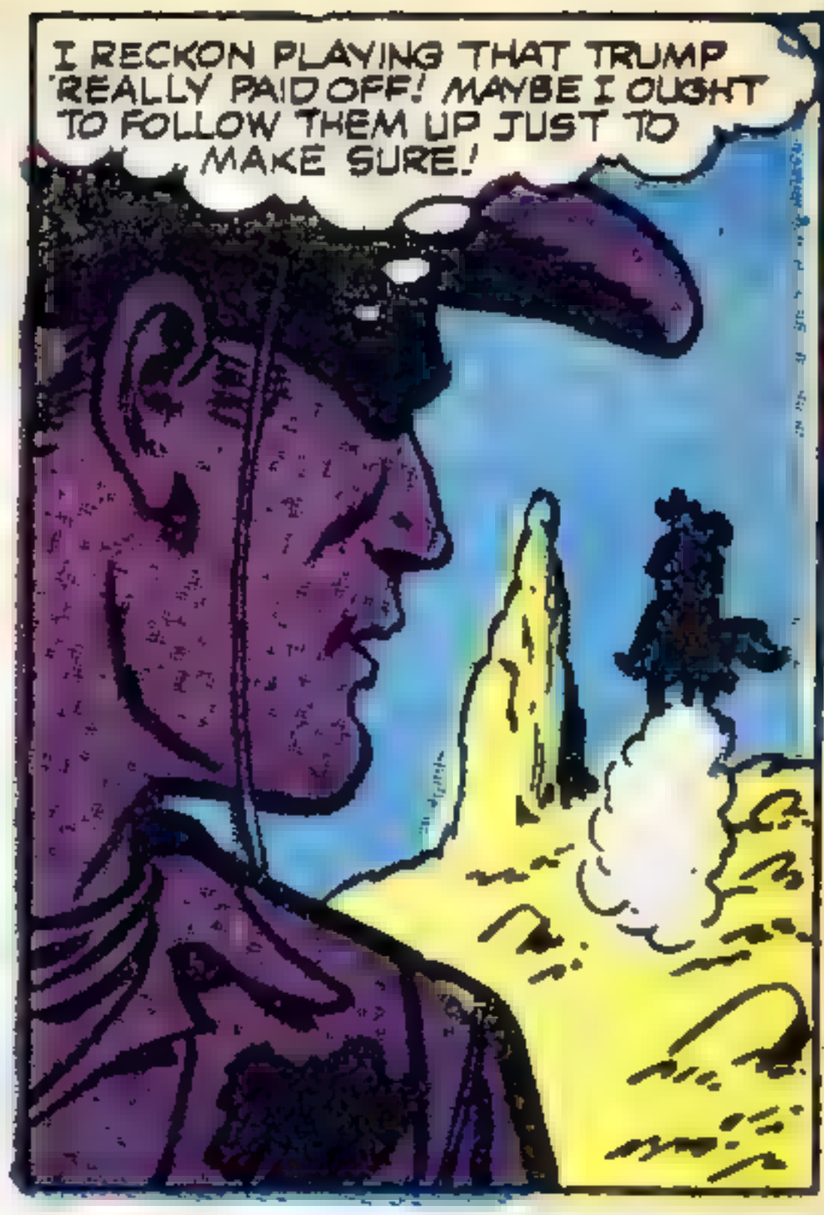
H-HELP ME! SOME SIDEWINDERS JUMPED ME AN' STOLE MY MULE AN' SUPPLIES! I NEED W-WATER AN' A RIDE TO THE NEAREST TOWN!
TOUGH LUCK, OLD-TIMER! WE'RE NOT HEADING YOUR WAY AND WE NEED ALL THE WATER WE GOT!

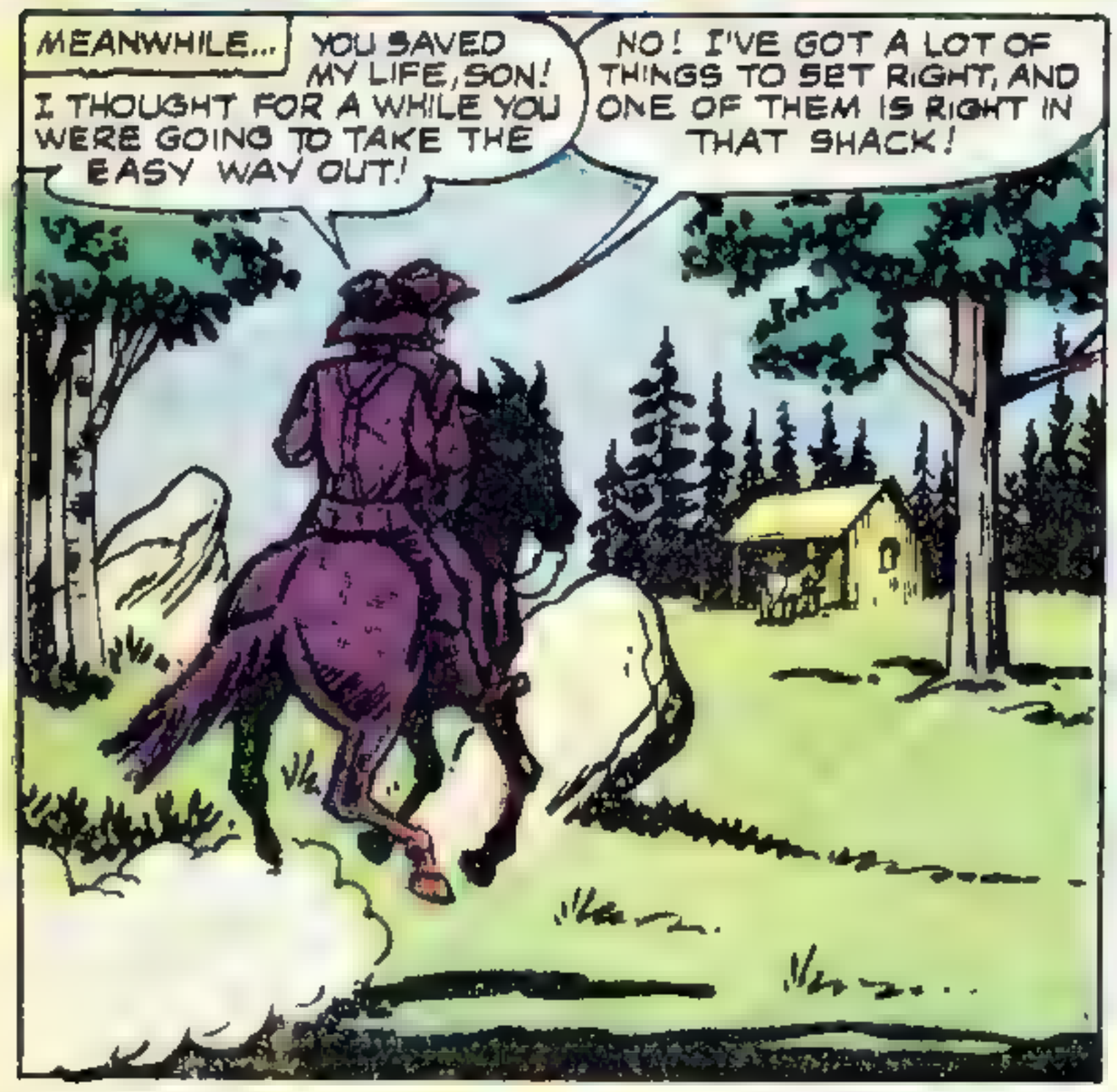

NO NEED BEING HARD ON THE OLD MAN! WE CAN SPARE SOME WATER AND GRUB!
YOU BETTER HARDEN UP, AMIGO! IN THE LAW-DODGING WORLD, IT'S EVERY MAN FOR HIMSELF OR YOU WIND UP IN A CELL!

I'VE CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT HOOKING UP WITH YOU, MISTER! I'M TAKING THIS HOMBRE TO TOWN! THEN I'M COMING BACK TO FIND THAT MARSHAL YOU HOG-TIED WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER!
I SHOULD HAVE DROPPED YOU WHEN I HIT YOUR CAMP! WE DON'T SEE EYE TO EYE ON ANYTHING!

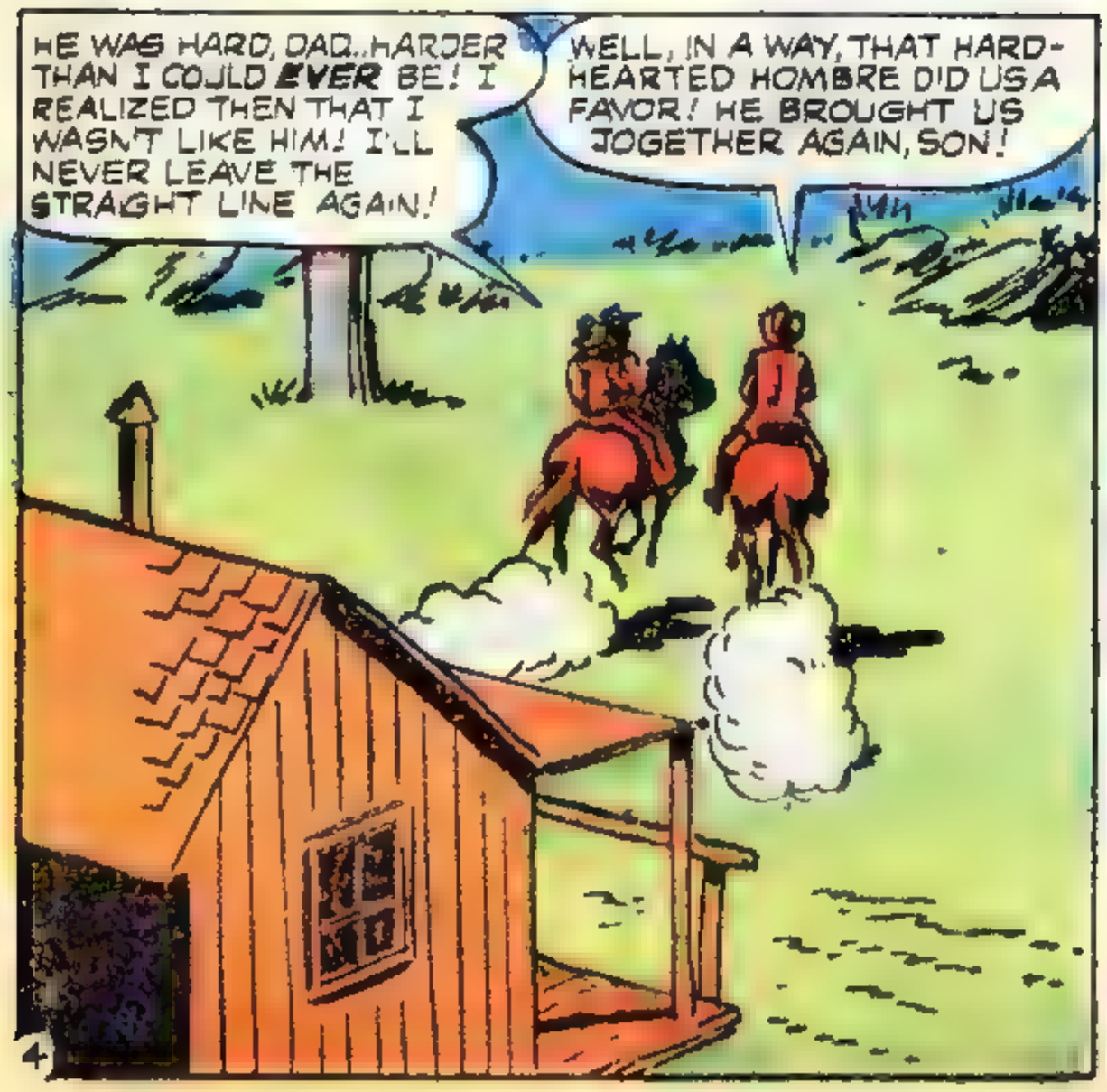
THE KID HUNG BACK AND LET THE YOUNG MAN'S GUNS COVER HIM...
FREEZE! YOU TAUGHT ME SOMETHING TODAY, MISTER! I RECKON I HAVEN'T GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A ROAD AGENT LIKE YOU!

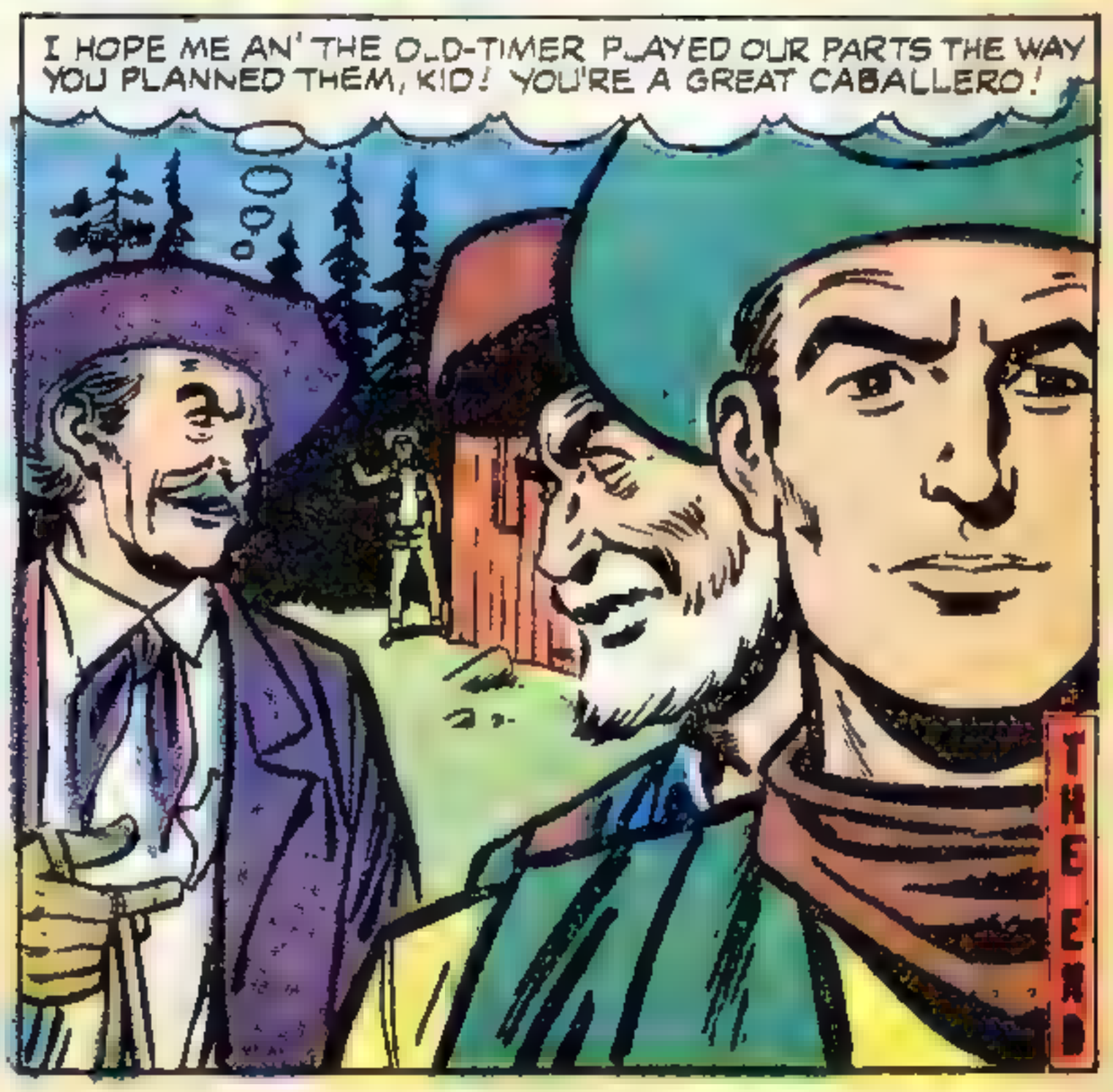

HOP ABOARD, OLD-TIMER! WE'RE PARTING COMPANY WITH THIS JASPER! START RIDING, MISTER!
SUIT YOURSELF! I'M GLAD YOU SHOWED YOUR COLORS BEFORE WE GOT TOO THICK!


I RECKON PLAYING THAT TRUMP REALLY PAID OFF! MAYBE I OUGHT TO FOLLOW THEM UP JUST TO MAKE SURE!

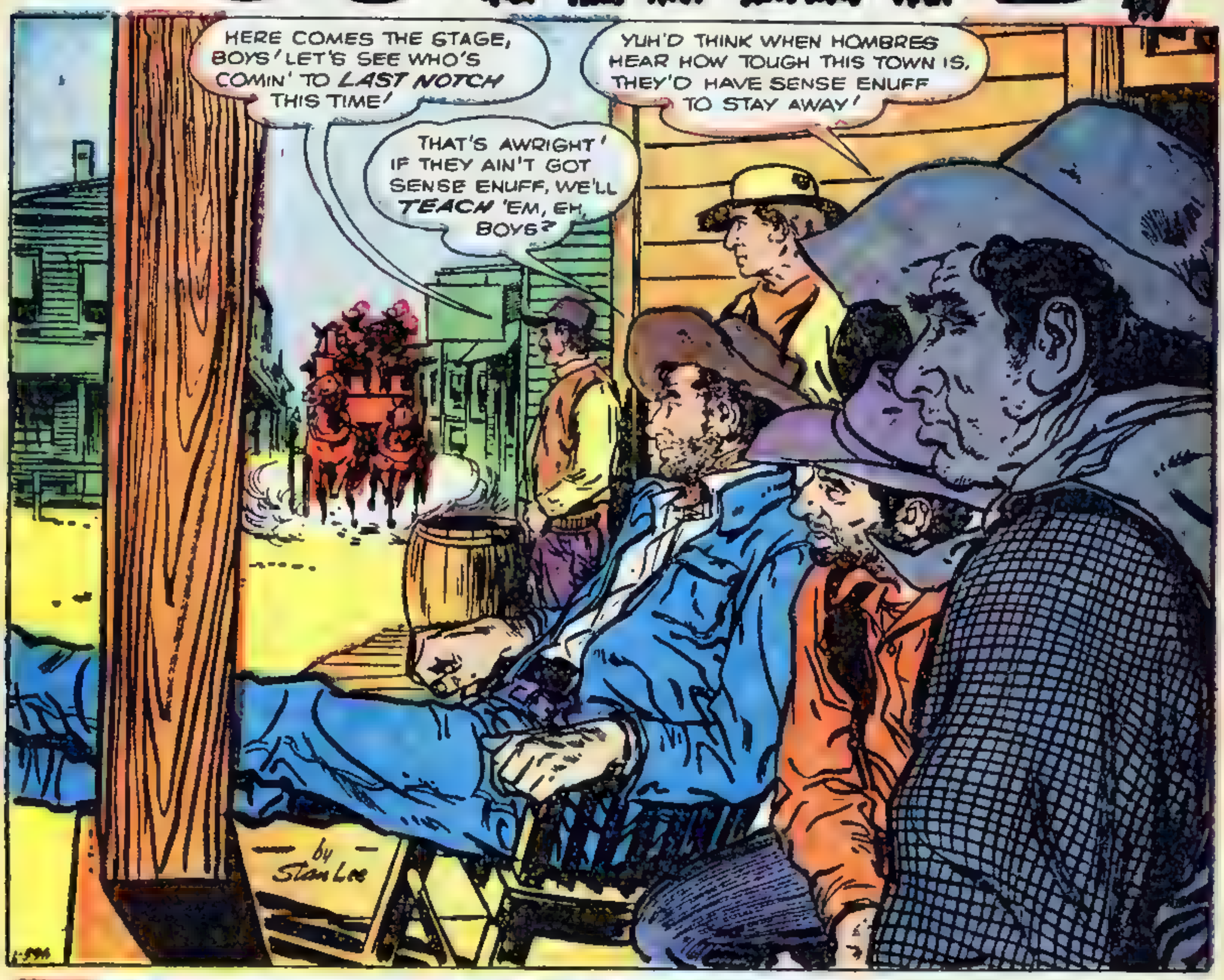

MEANWHILE...
YOU SAVED MY LIFE, SON! I THOUGHT FOR A WHILE YOU WERE GOING TO TAKE THE EASY WAY OUT!
NO! I'VE GOT A LOT OF THINGS TO SET RIGHT, AND ONE OF THEM IS RIGHT IN THAT SHACK!

DON! I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE MAN TO COME TO MY AID!
I'M SORRY, DAD... ABOUT EVERYTHING! I LEARNED A LESSON TODAY I'LL NEVER FORGET!

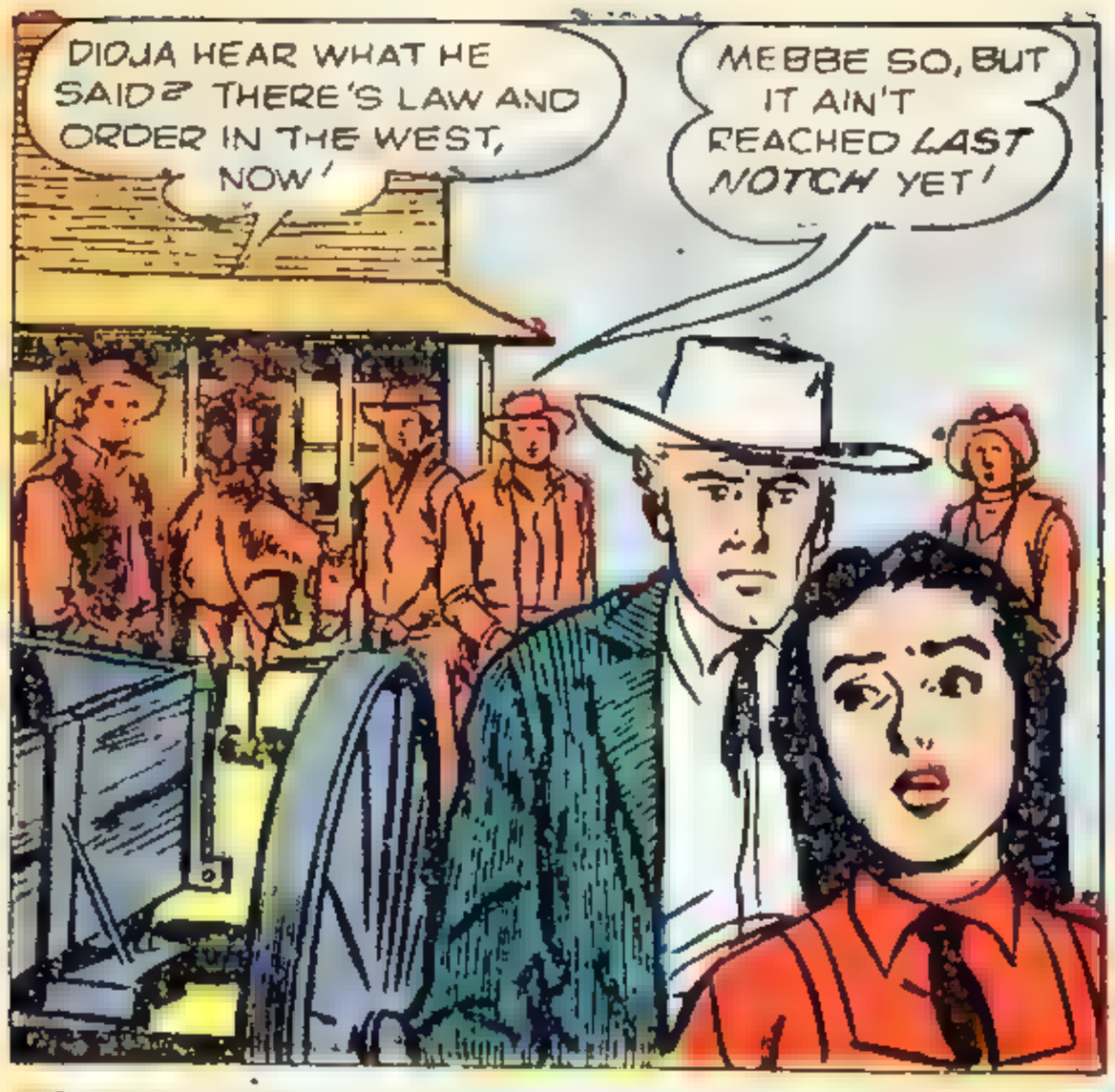

HE WAS HARD, DAD... HARDER THAN I COULD EVER BE! I REALIZED THEN THAT I WASN'T LIKE HIM! I'LL NEVER LEAVE THE STRAIGHT LINE AGAIN!
WELL, IN A WAY, THAT HARD-HEARTED HOMBRE DID US A FAVOR! HE BROUGHT US TOGETHER AGAIN, SON!

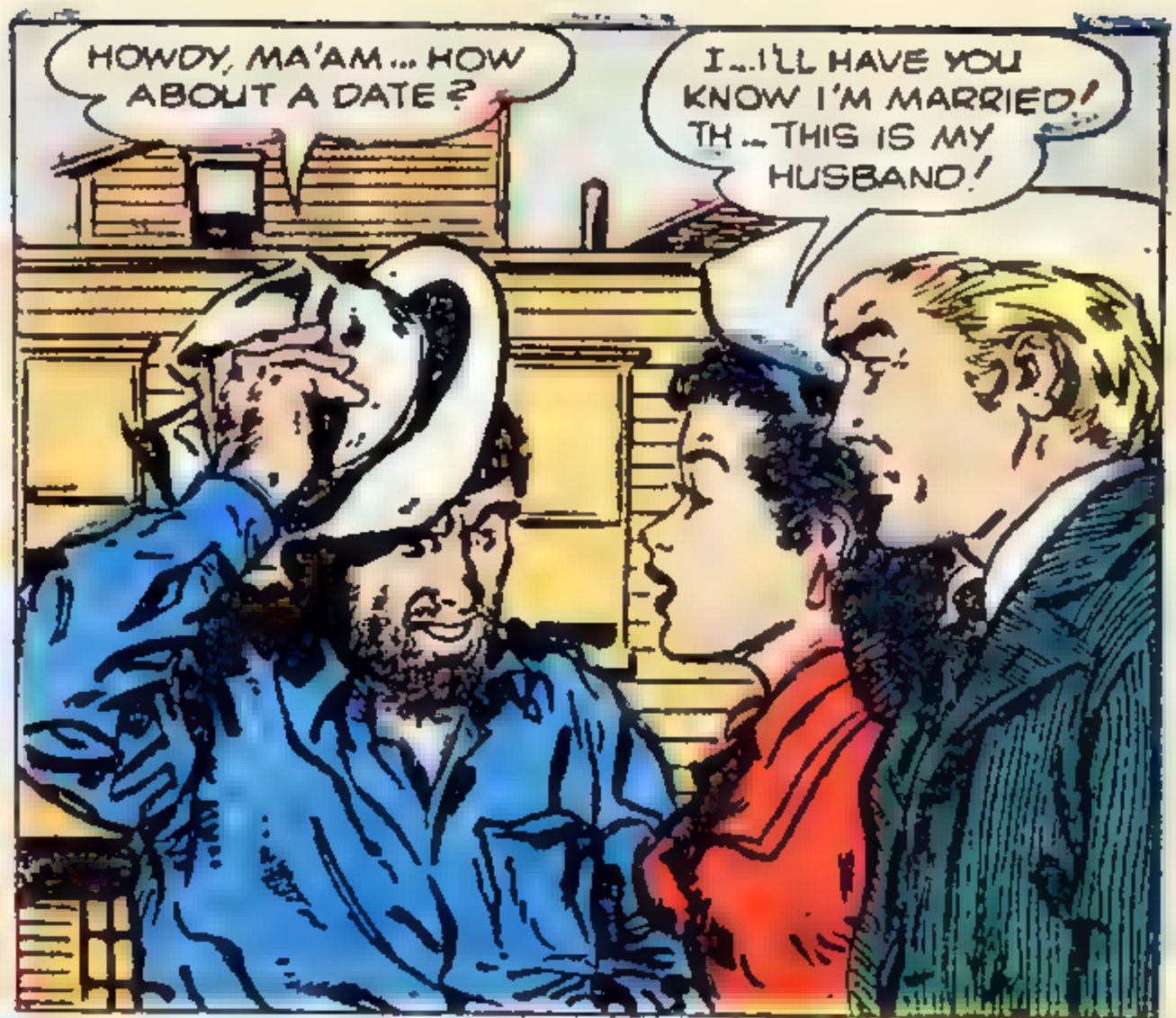

I HOPE ME AN' THE OLD-TIMER PLAYED OUR PARTS THE WAY YOU PLANNED THEM, KID! YOU'RE A GREAT CABALLERO!
THE END

THE COWARD!


HERE COMES THE STAGE, BOYS! LET'S SEE WHO'S COMIN' TO LAST NOTCH THIS TIME!
YUH'D THINK WHEN HOMBRES HEAR HOW TOUGH THIS TOWN IS, THEY'D HAVE SENSE ENUFF TO STAY AWAY!
THAT'S AWRIGHT! IF THEY AIN'T GOT SENSE ENUFF, WE'LL TEACH 'EM, EH, BOYS?
by Stan Lee

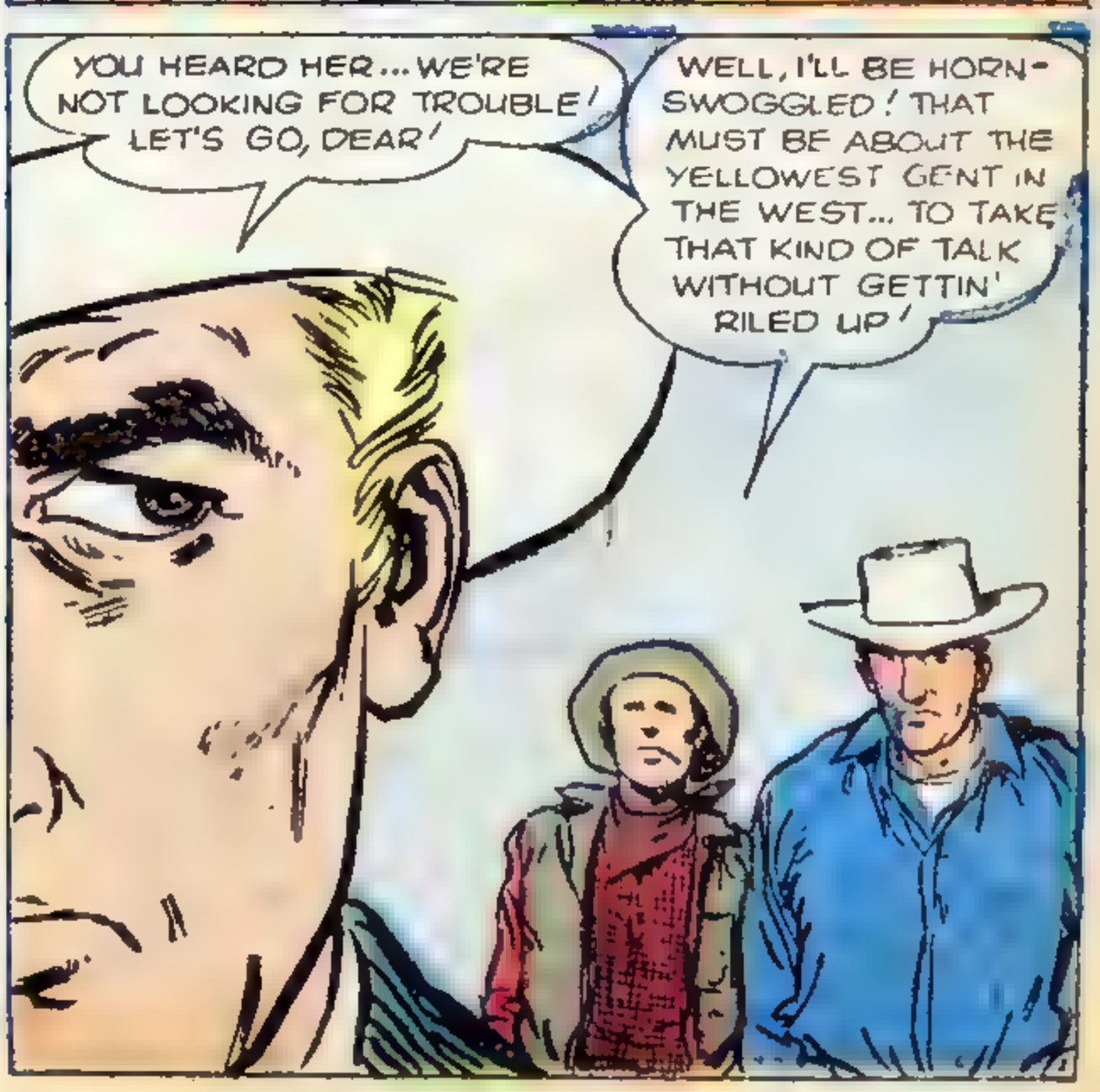
LOOK... IT'S A JASPER WITHOUT GUNS!—AND A LADY!
WITHOUT GUNS? MUST BE TWO LADIES.. HAW! HAW!
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THOSE MEN, JED!
DON'T WORRY, DEAR— THERE'S LAW AND ORDER IN THE WEST NOW!


DIDJA HEAR WHAT HE SAID? THERE'S LAW AND ORDER IN THE WEST, NOW!
MEBBE SO, BUT IT AIN'T REACHED LAST NOTCH YET!


HOWDY, MA'AM... HOW ABOUT A DATE?
I...I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I'M MARRIED! TH...THIS IS MY HUSBAND!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT... WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES... AND I RECKON YOU MADE A POWERFUL BIG ONE WHEN YUH MARRIED UP WITH A RANNY WHO DON'T EVEN TOTE A GUN!
LET'S SEE HOW GOOD HE DANCES, BOYS!

PLEASE... WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE! WE JUST WANT TO SETTLE DOWN PEACEFULLY HERE!
S'MATTER, HOMBRE... DOES YORE WIFE DO ALL THE TALKIN' IN YORE FAMILY? DO YOU JUST HIDE BEHIND HER SKIRTS?


YOU HEARD HER... WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE! LET'S GO, DEAR!
WELL, I'LL BE HORN-SWOGGLED! THAT MUST BE ABOUT THE YELLOWEST GENT IN THE WEST... TO TAKE THAT KIND OF TALK WITHOUT GETTIN' RILED UP!

AS THE DAYS WENT BY, THE MORE THE NEW ARRIVALS TRIED TO AVOID TROUBLE, THE MORE THE LOCAL BAD-MEN SEEMED INTENT UPON GOADING JED NORDEN INTO A FIGHT...

SORRY, MISTER... THIS STREET AIN'T FER COWARDS! BETTER WALK IN THE MUD!

WHY, YOU...

PLEASE, JED... DON'T LET HIM MAKE YOU DO SOMETHING YOU'LL BE SORRY FOR!

YOU SHORE ARE A SCARED CRITTER, AIN'T YUH?

YES, HE IS! IT'S NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF... WHY CAN'T YOU LEAVE US ALONE?

EVER USE ONE OF THESE, MISTER? THEY GO BANG, BANG! AN' SOMETIMES THEY HURT PEOPLE! *HAW! HAW!*

TAKE IT AWAY.. KEEP IT AWAY FROM ME!

MAN, I RECKON YO'RE THE MOST TIMID HOMBRE IN THESE PARTS!

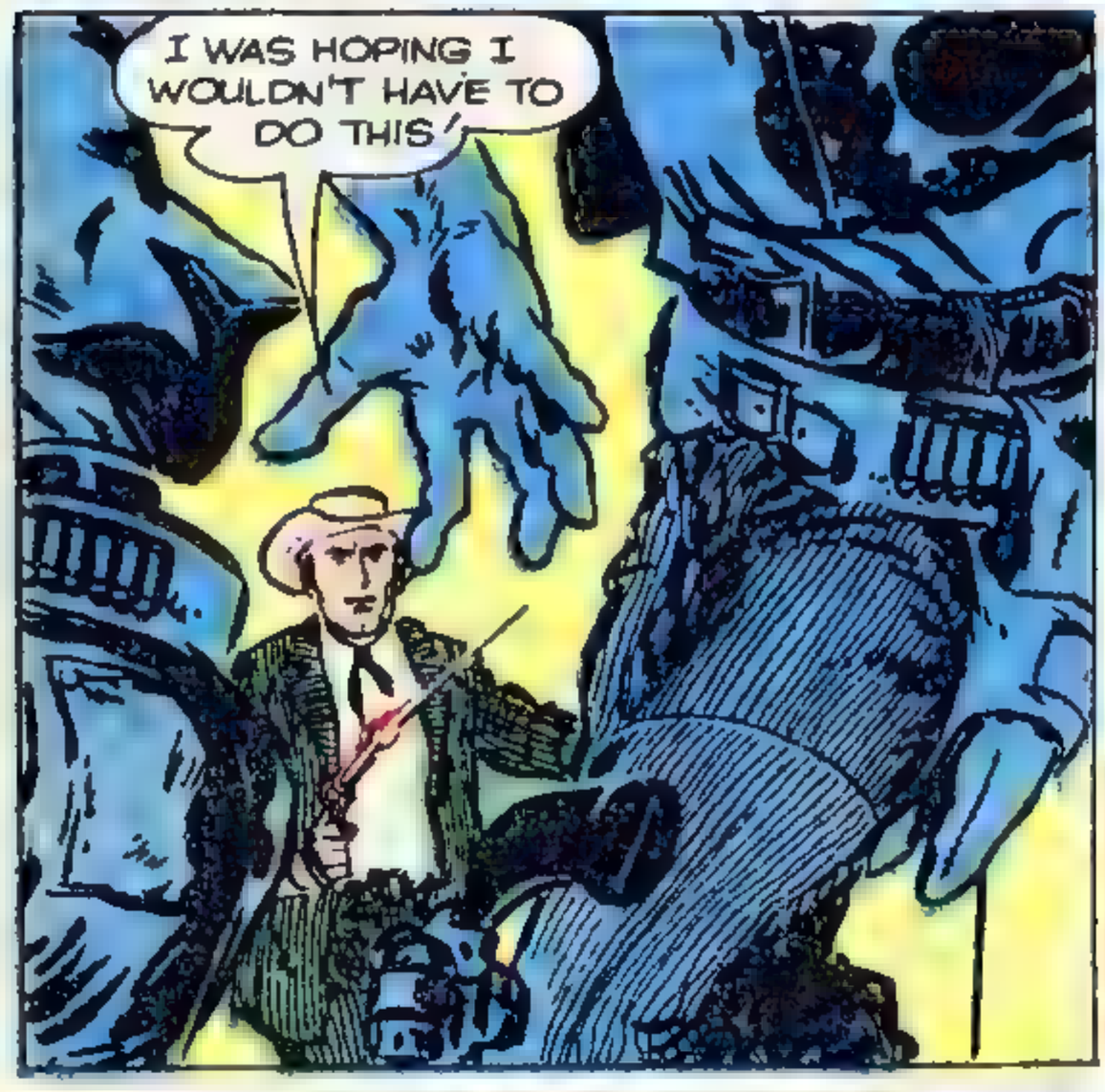
C'MON, BOYS... LET'S RUN 'IM OUTA TOWN!

WHAT CAN I DO...?

YOU'LL HAVE TO DECIDE FOR YOURSELF, DARLING... IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THEY'RE *DETERMINED* TO CAUSE TROUBLE!

LIKE AN UNCOILED RATTLER, JED NORDEN STRUCK... ONE STEEL-HARD FIST FINDING THE JAW OF THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN TORMENTING HIM...

...AS THE OTHER HAND GRASPED HIS FOE'S COLT IN LIGHTNING-LIKE FASHION...



IT'S PROBABLY UNNECESSARY TO MENTION IT, BUT AFTER THE INCIDENT YOU HAVE JUST READ, LAW AND ORDER HAD DEFINITELY COME TO LAST NOTCH...AS WELL AS THE REST OF THE UNTAMED WEST!

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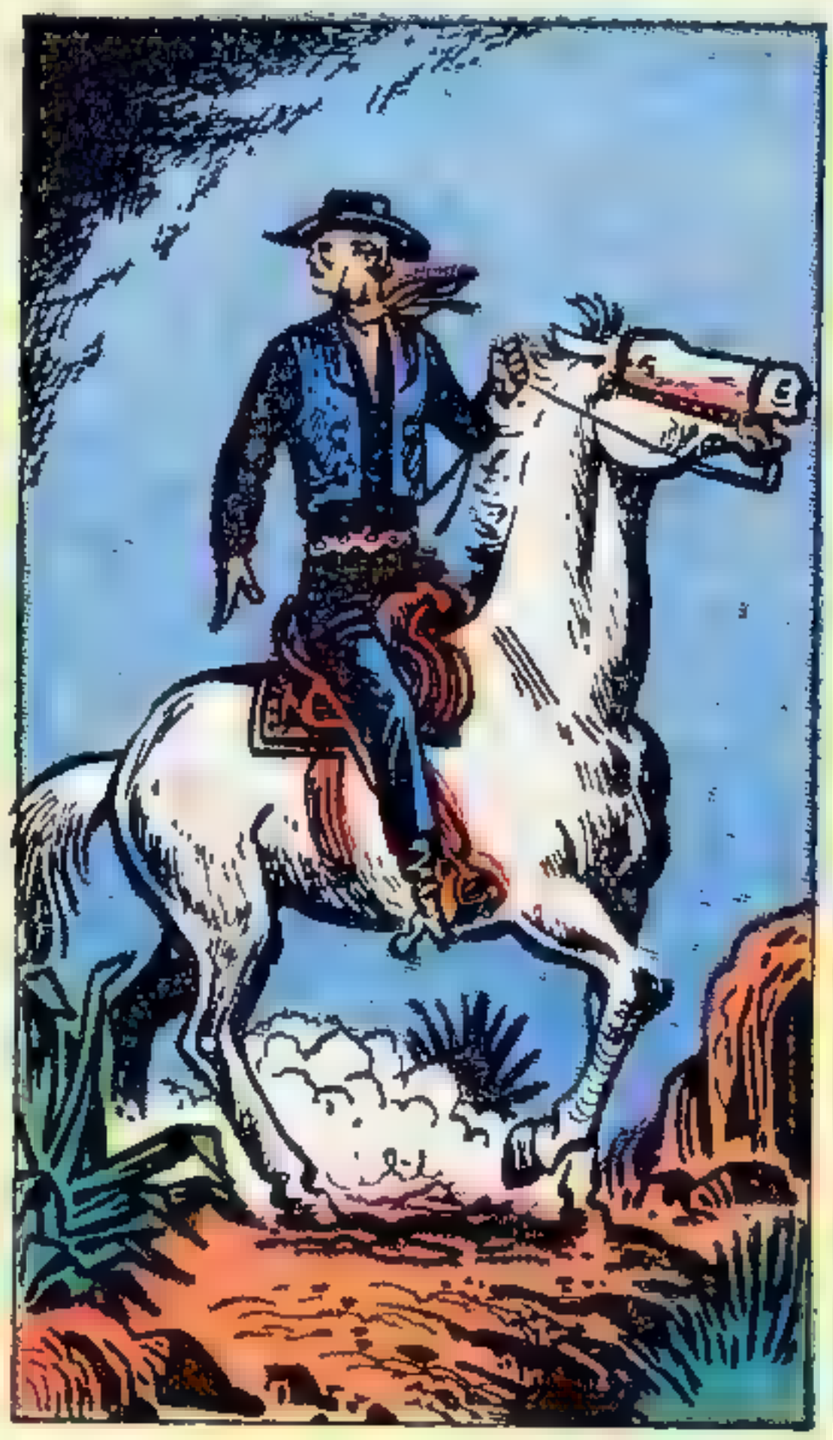
barns, milking some cows. Sam got a few instructions from Matt and started milking too. He felt pleased that he was helping these good people, even though they were fairly simple farm chores.

This went on for about two weeks. Already, Sam was beginning to put on weight and his face looked ruddy and healthy. Sam could feel the new strength coursing through his body. One thing bothered him through. Since he was a small boy, he had dreamed of living on a ranch and doing all the hard tasks associated with cattle-raising. Now he was on a ranch, but all he had been doing was tending chickens and milking cows. He wanted to go out on the range with the wranglers. He told Matt his feelings one morning.

Matt took a good, long look at the boy seated opposite him. He was satisfied with what he saw. He agreed to take Sam along with him on the annual roundup. It was time to gather the grazing cattle and drive them to a railroad terminal where they could be put into boxcars and shipped to the big cities back East.

When Sam arrived out on the far range with Matt, the wranglers greeted him warmly, and kidded him about trying to keep up with "men." Sam took the kidding good-naturedly. He was determined to work as hard as the rest of them and prove himself worthy of their esteem and confidence. Sam rode his horse skillfully . . . he had done some riding back East and knew how to handle the animal. Following Matt's instructions, he rode herd on the cattle, racing after strays and bringing them back to the main group.

All would have gone well, without any mishap, if it had not started to rain. The cattle were moving along the banks of a stream, and what Matt feared might happen *did* happen!



Some of the cattle were too close to the edge of the stream and the rain had softened the dirt. Before anyone could prevent it, several of the animals had slipped into the stream. As luck would have it, Sam was the closest rider to the scene and something had to be done fast if the cattle were not to be lost.

Sam led his horse right into the stream! The horse began to swim with Sam sitting tight; at the same time, Sam twirled his lassoo and caught one of the steers by the horns. Guiding his horse around the stream, he managed to reach the other steers and secured them all by the horns with the same long rope. Then he rode his horse out of the water, with the cattle tugged after him. They were all saved and led to higher ground away from the stream.

Matt and the other wranglers crowded around Sam and slapped him on the back. Sam smiled. He now had the esteem and confidence of these men . . . he was no longer a weak tenderfoot.

Matt said, "Sam, if you ever want to stay around these parts, just let me know . . . I could use a young partner."

Sam shook the older man's hand. "Matt, I just might take you up on that!" he said with a grin.

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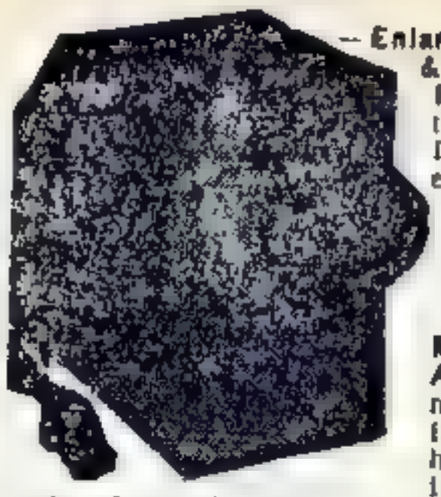

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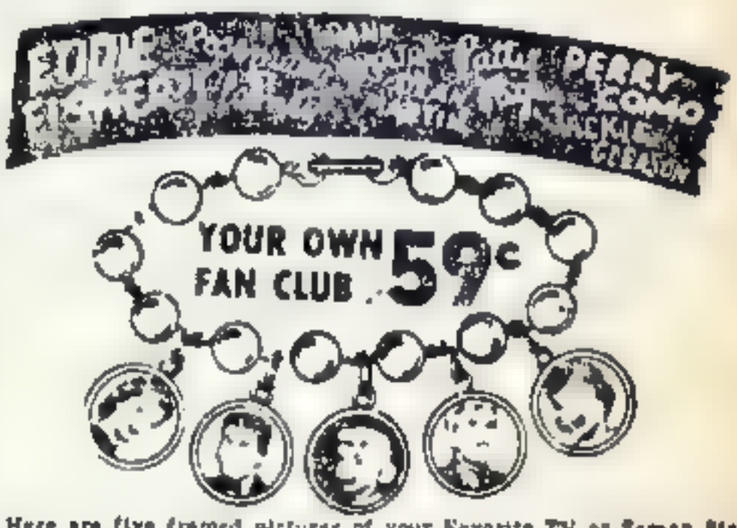

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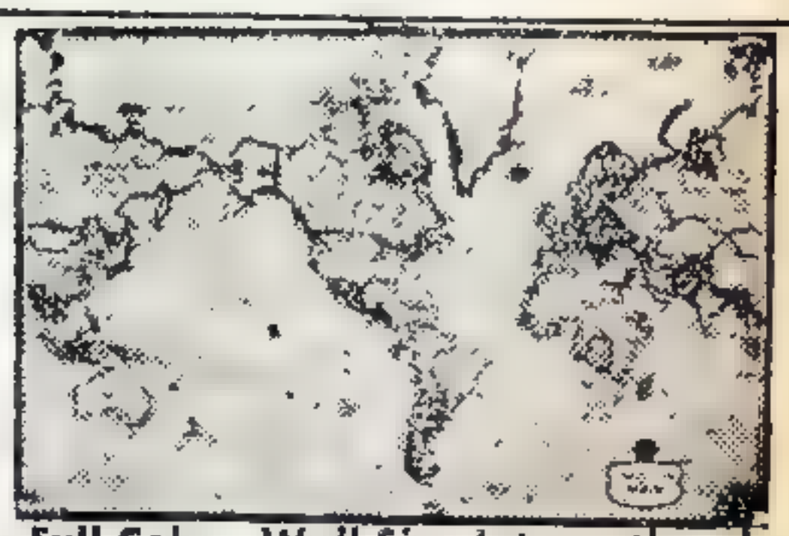

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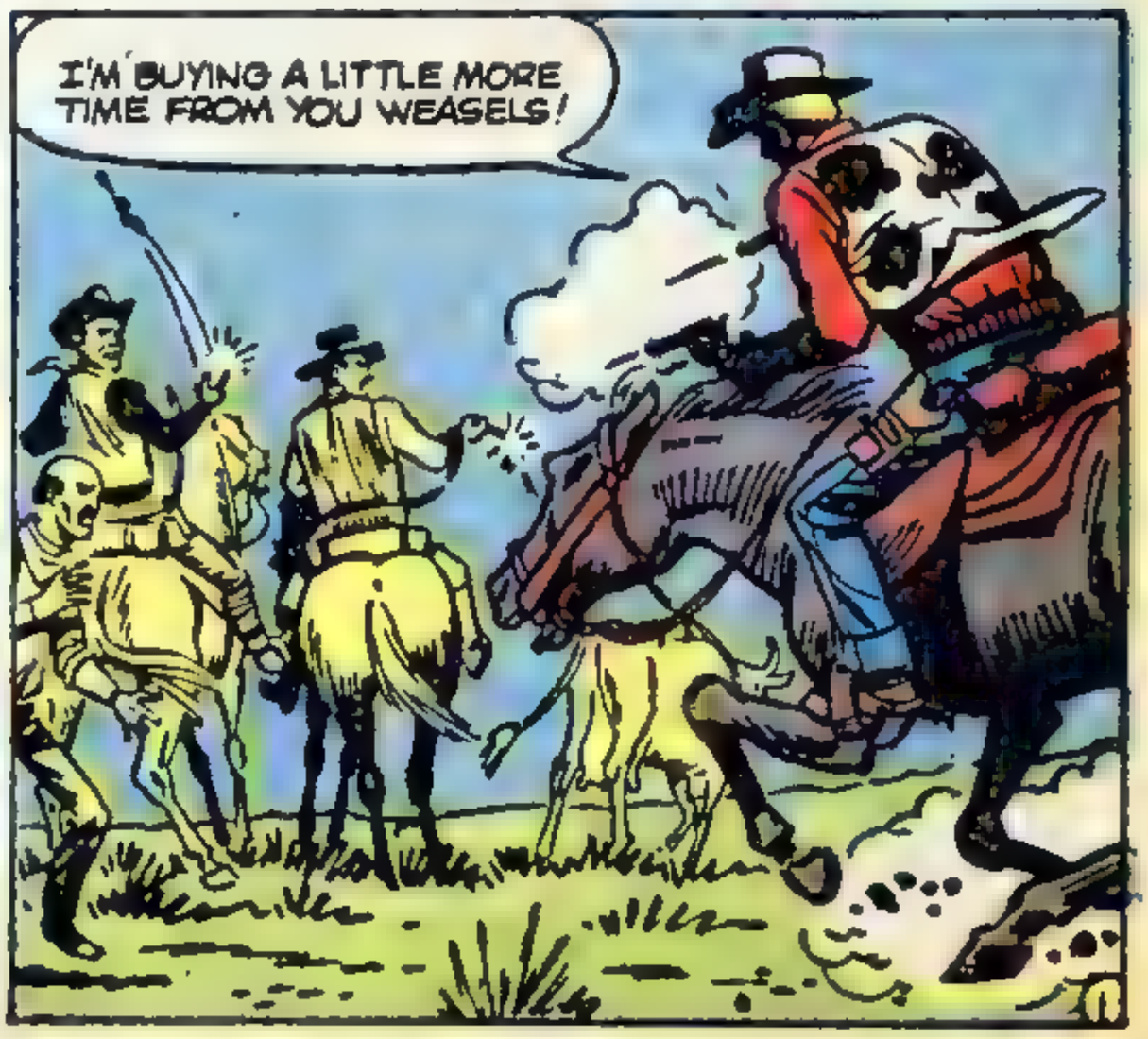
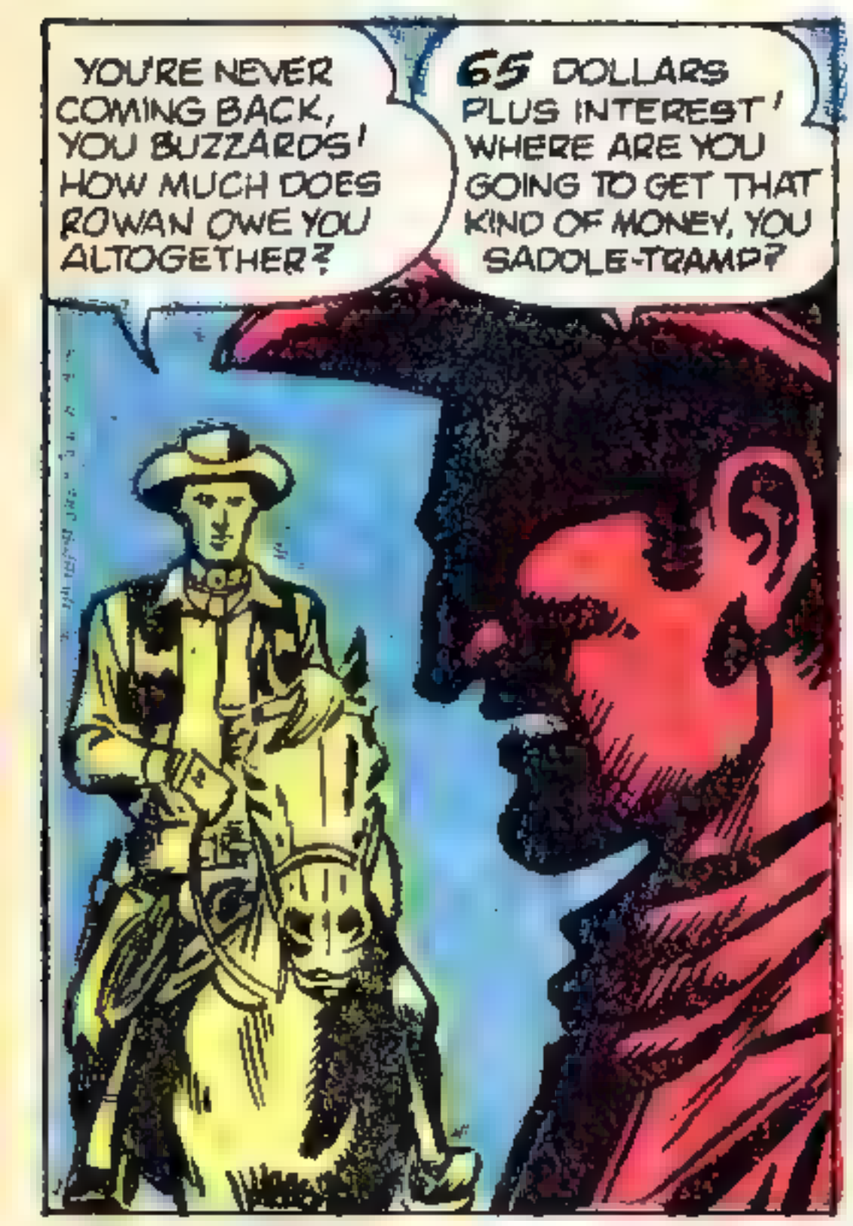
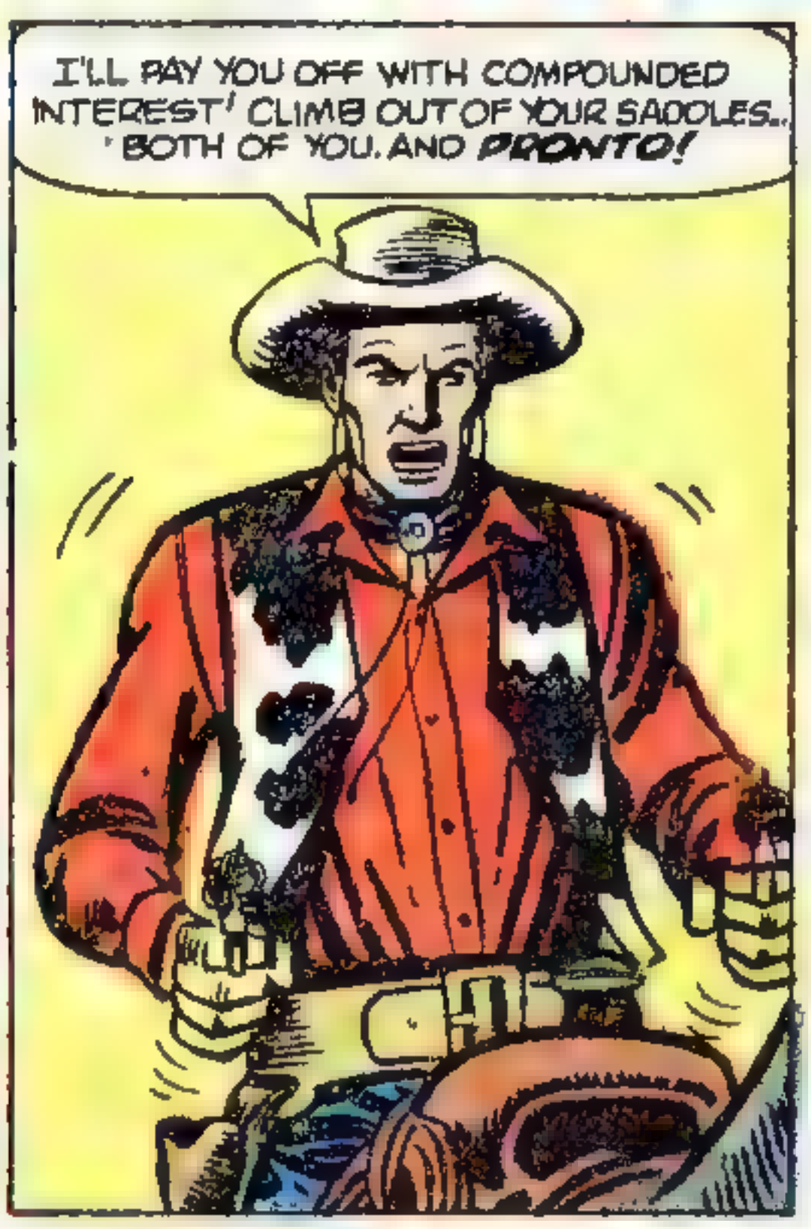
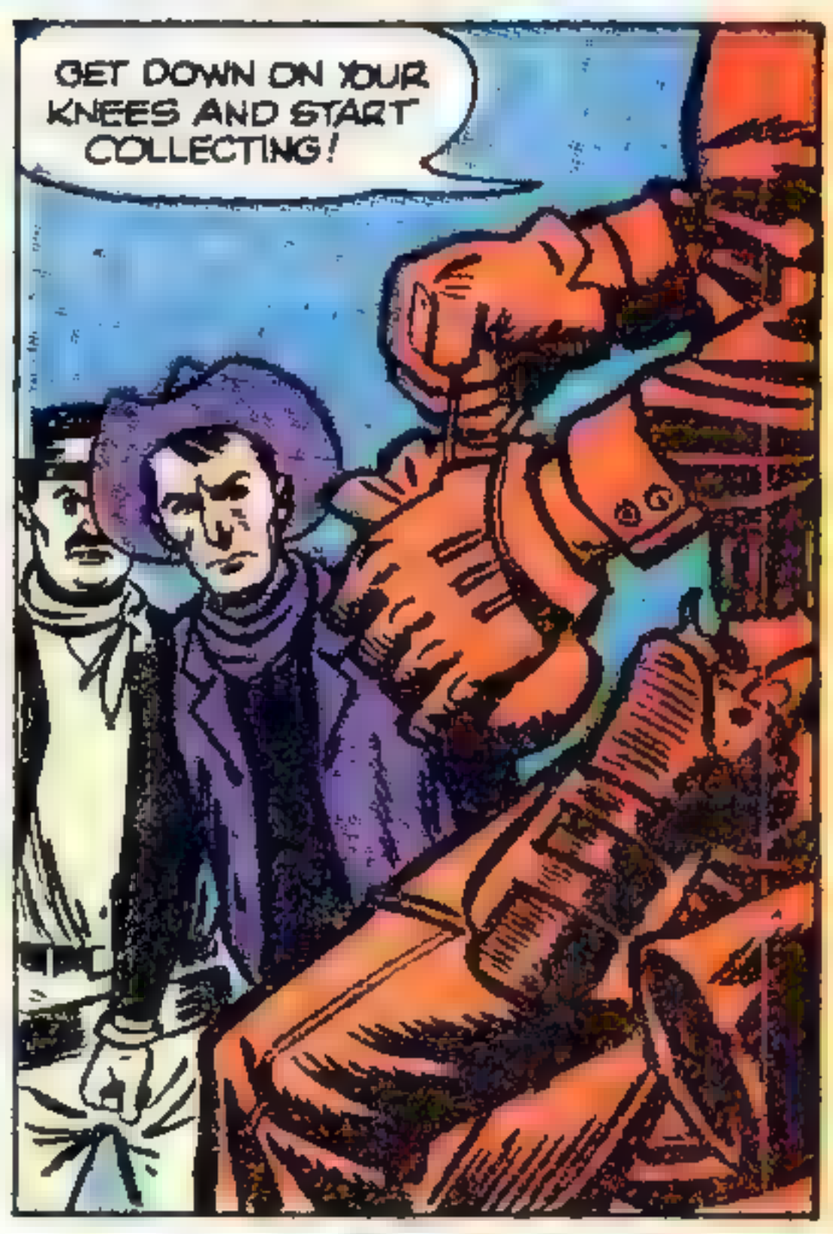


YOU HARD-FACED HOMBRES SEEM PRETTY WELL HEELED TO BE RUNNING OFF WITH A FEW MEASLY HEAD OF LIVESTOCK! WHAT GOOD CAN THEY DO YOU?
WE GOT A LEGAL RIGHT TO THESE CATTLE! HE OWES US MONEY ON A NOTE! IF HE CAN'T PAY, THE CATTLE BELONG TO US!

I DON'T WANT TROUBLE WITH ANYONE! I JUST WANT TO LIVE AN' KEEP MY FAMILY FROM STARVIN'! YOU'LL GET YOUR MONEY! I PROMISE YOU THAT!
WE'RE COMIN' BACK, ROWAN...AN' NEXT TIME WE'LL MAKE SURE THERE WON'T BE ANY GUESTS AROUND TO INTERFERE!


YOU'RE NEVER COMING BACK, YOU BUZZARDS! HOW MUCH DOES ROWAN OWE YOU ALTOGETHER?
65 DOLLARS PLUS INTEREST! WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO GET THAT KIND OF MONEY, YOU SADDLE-TRAMP?


I'LL PAY YOU OFF WITH COMPOUNDED INTEREST! CLIMB OUT OF YOUR SADDLES... BOTH OF YOU. AND PRONTO!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COUNT IT AND MAKE SURE YOU GET WHAT YOU NEED AND NO MORE!

IT'S SHY ONE DOLLAR!
THEN WE'RE SQUARE ALL AROUND! I'M CHARGING YOU ONE DOLLAR FOR TWO WASTED ROUNDS OF AMMO! NOW HIT THE TRAIL!

GOSH, WE SAW WHAT YOU DID, MISTER! IT WAS WONDERFUL!

I OWE YOU MORE THAN I CAN EVER REPAY! YOU'LL BE DOING US ALL A BIG FAVOR IF YOU COULD STAY TO DINNER WITH US!

I THINK I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE KID COLT, AREN'T YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT, SON! I'M AFRAID I CAN'T STAY TOO LONG, BUT WE CAN VISIT FOR A WHILE!

MISTER COLT, YOU GAVE THOSE MEN YOUR LAST CENT! ISN'T THERE SOME WAY WE CAN HELP YOU OUT?

FORGET IT, MRS. ROWAN! I'M GLAD I GOT HERE WHEN I DID! MONEY NEVER MEANT MUCH TO ME UNLESS IT COULD BUY SOME HAPPINESS, AND IT DID TODAY!

SUDDENLY...

REACH, KID! TWO MEN FROM TOWN TOLD ME YOU WERE HERE AND MADE TROUBLE!

THAT'S A DOWNRIGHT LIE, SHERIFF! *THEY* STARTED THE TROUBLE AND KID COLT PAID THEM OFF OUT OF HIS OWN POCKET!

GRAHAM AND MARTELL WERE RUNNING OFF MY STOCK FOR A NOTE I OWED THEM! THEY'D HAVE LEFT ME AN'MY FAMILY TO STARVE IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR KID COLT!

WELL, THAT'S DIFFERENT, ROWAN! ALL RIGHT, KID! YOU CAN COME TO TOWN BUT I'LL ASK YOU TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE!

SHERIFF, I'M COMING TO TOWN, BUT IT WILL BE TO GET A QUICK JOB AND STAKE MYSELF TO SOME FRESH SUPPLIES!

I HOPE YOU CAN GET A JOB, KID! JUST MAKE SURE IT'S AN HONEST ONE!

LATER THAT DAY IN REMUDA...

I'M SORRY, KID! THERE'S NO WORK AROUND HERE FOR YOU! WE CAN'T VERY WELL HIRE A MAN WITH *YOUR* REPUTATION!

MY REPUTATION FOR WHAT? I *NEVER* ROBBED OR CHEATED! I'VE KEPT ALIVE BY USING MY GUNS AGAINST HOMBRES WHO *DID* THOUGH!

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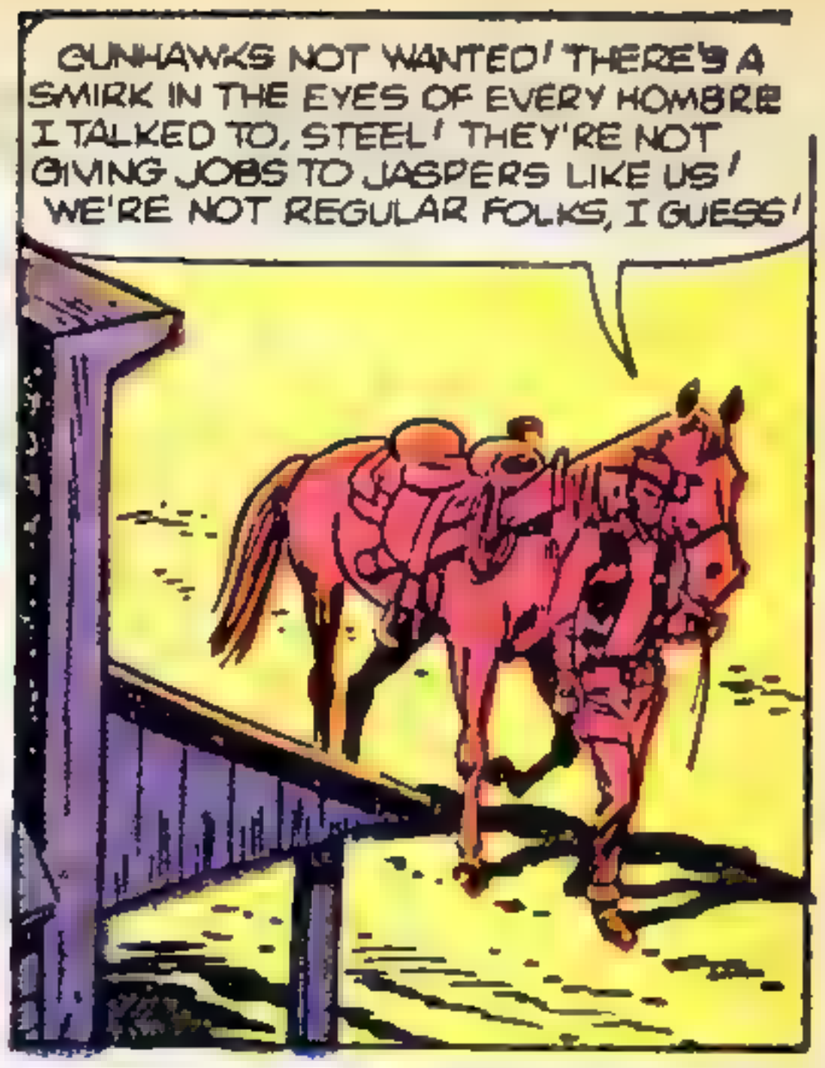
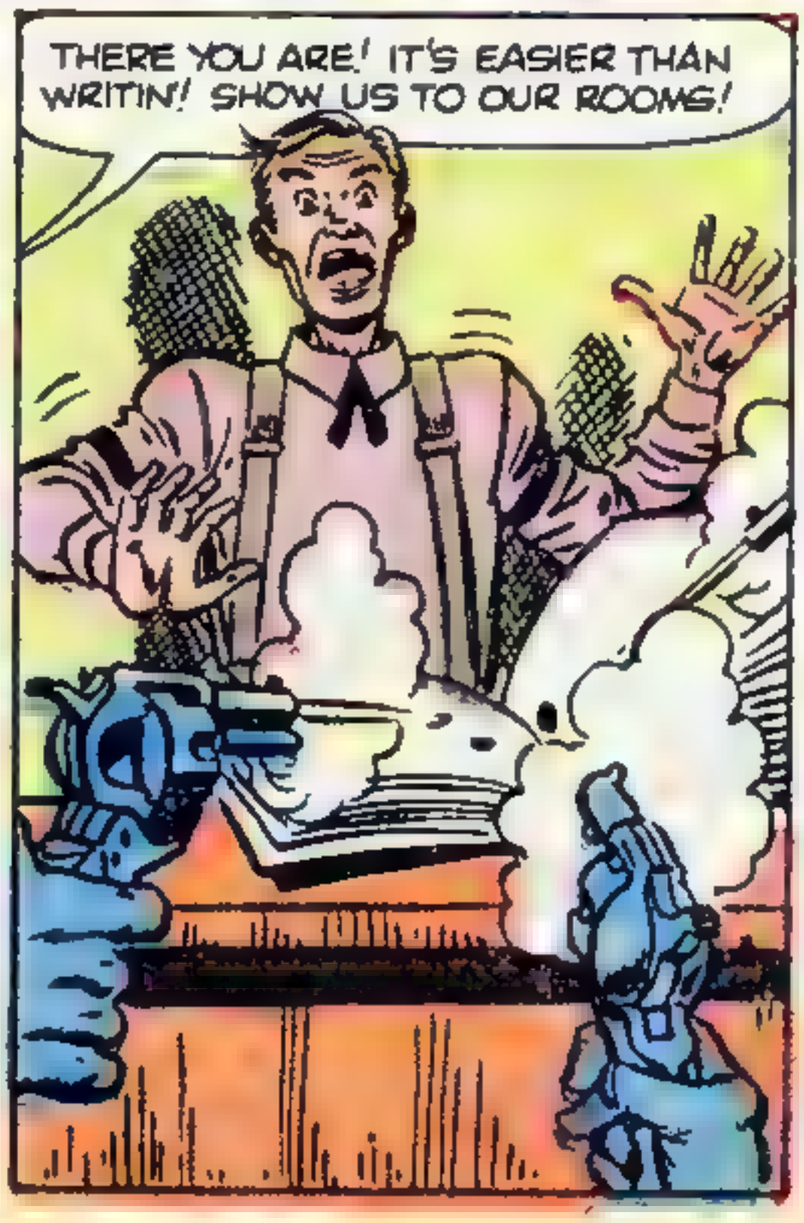
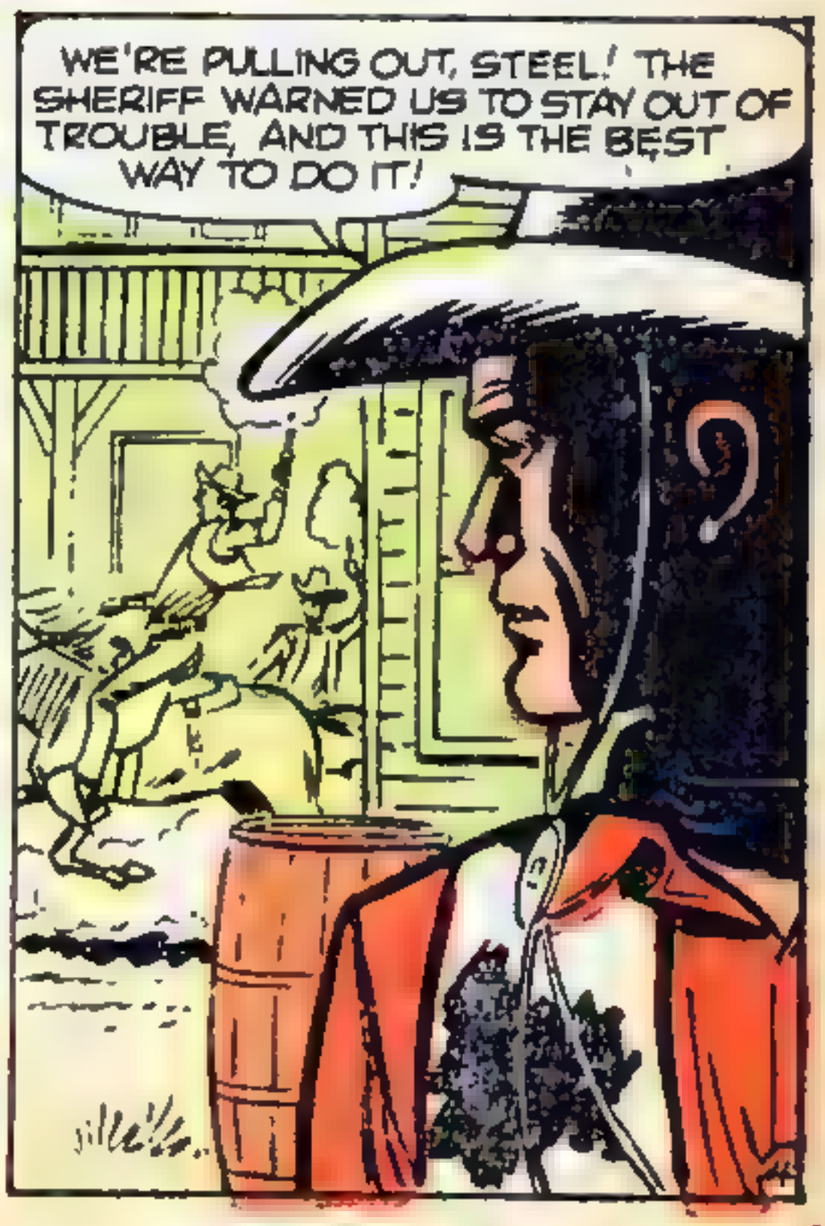
AND WHEREVER HE WENT, HE FOUND BACKS TURNED TO HIM...



SUDDENLY...

THE TOWN OF REMUDA FELL PREY TO A DESPERATE BAND OF MARAUDERS ITCHING FOR TROUBLE...



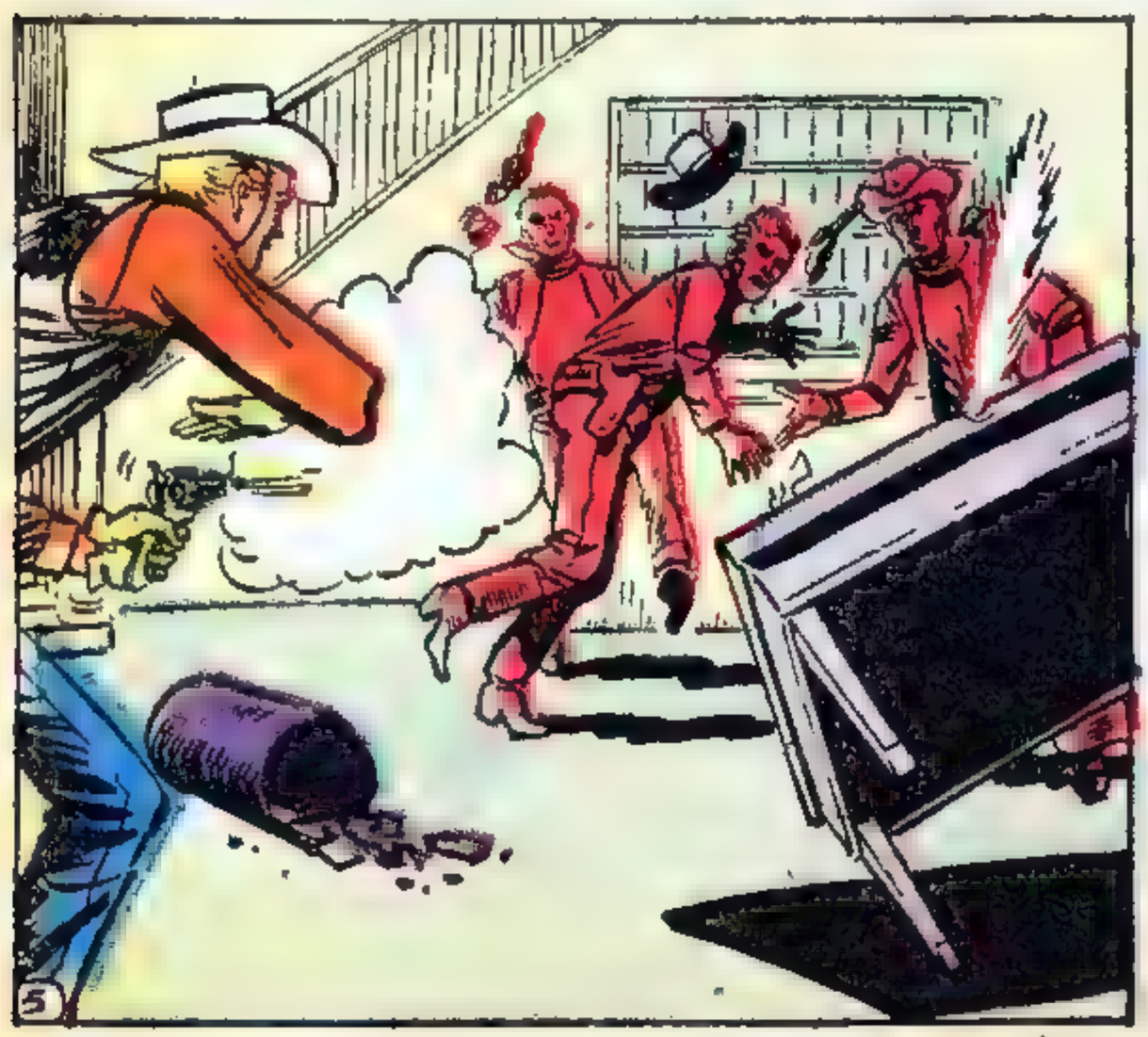


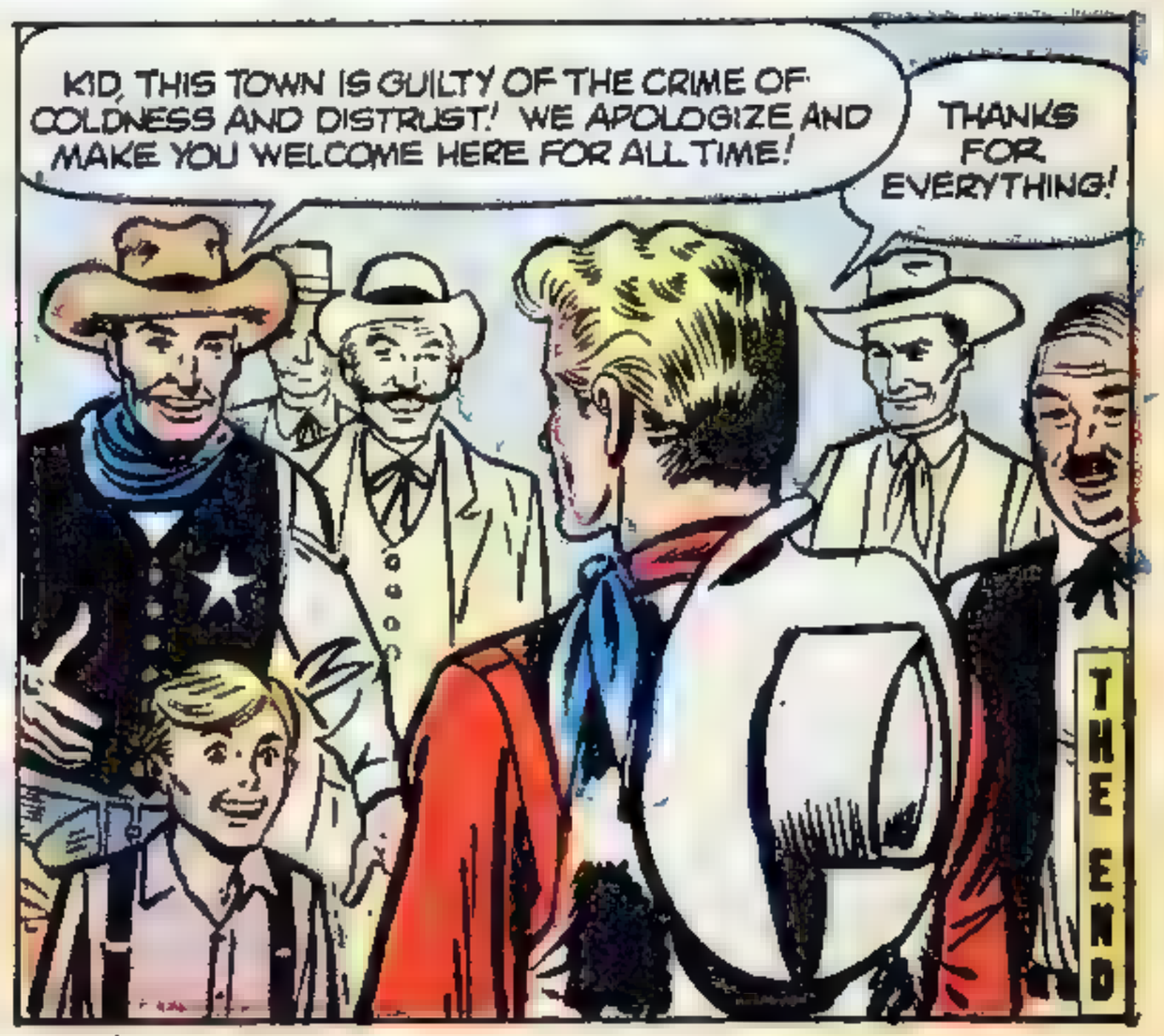
AND SUDDENLY A VOICE CAME UP FROM A PLEADING YOUNG FACE...

AND THAT WAS HOW THE WRATH OF SIX-GUN FURY DESCENDED ON THE HEADS OF THE SPOILERS...

THE THUNDER NEVER CEASED UNTIL THE LAST OF THE MARAUDERS HAD MET THEIR DOOM...

AND THE TOWN OF REMUDA WELCOMED A NEW CITIZEN INTO THE FOLD...





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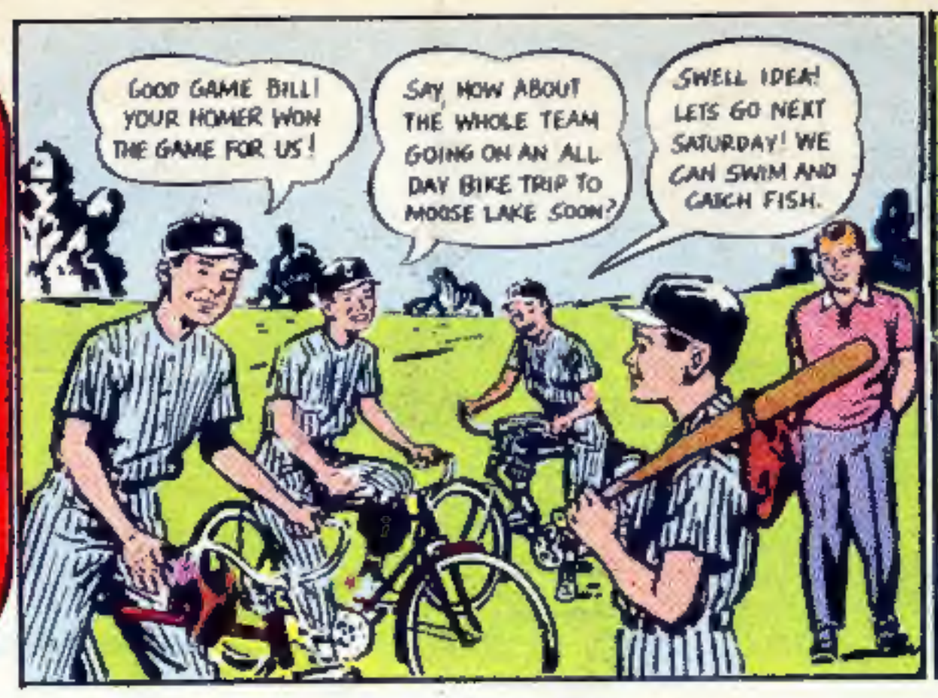

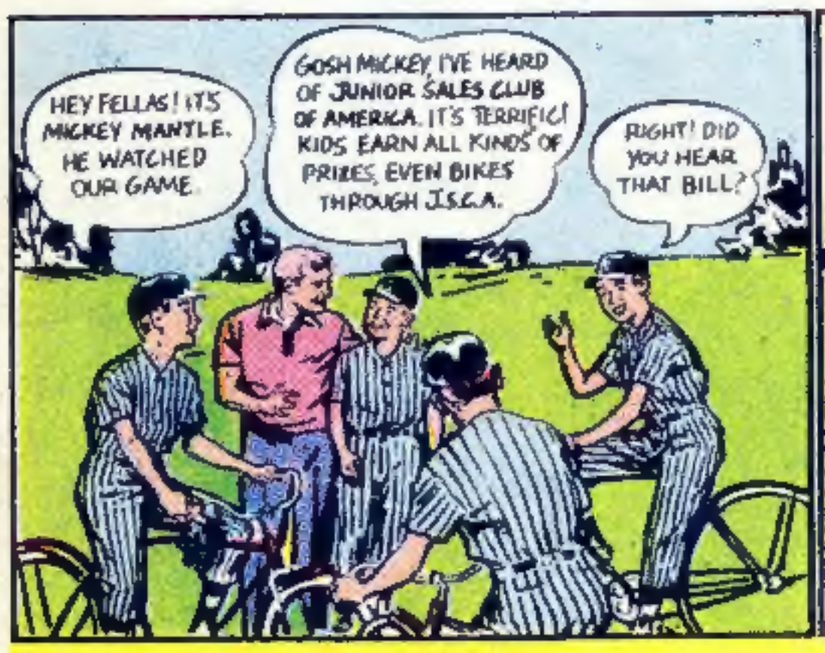

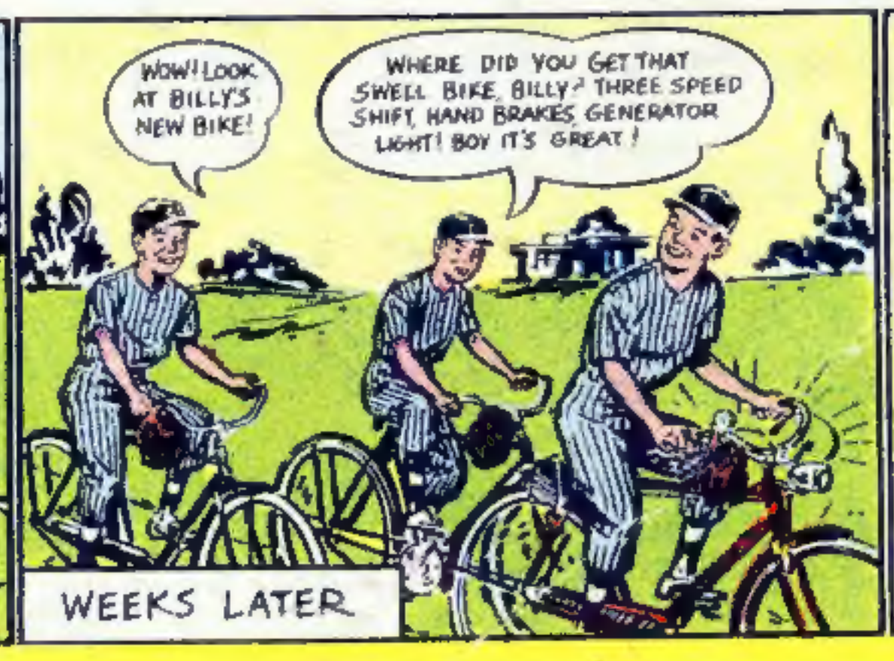

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